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Shanghai, December 19, 1938.

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K. M. CUMMING,
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December 16, 1938.

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OF THE
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Shanghai, December 16, 1938.

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To-day's Events

DECEMBER

20 Second Advent Meeting, The Hut, 495 Yu Yuen Road, Dr. R. H. Glover, 8
20 For. Y. Lecture: 'Diet and Health,' 9
20 Duke of Kent's birthday (1902)
20 British Minister's first call on Nationalist Government (1928)

Coming Events

DECEMBER

21 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
21 French A.D.C., 'Ruy Blas 38,' Lyc., 9
21 19th Annual Hanuccah Ball, 9.30
22 Cathedral School for Boys, Speech Day, Masonic Hall at 5.30
22 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
22 For. Y. Debate: 'Lotteries are a Social Menace,' 9
23 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
23 For. Y. 'Hour of Music,' 6
23 Gaul's Oratorio 'Holy City,' 250 voices. Conductor: Prof. Chao Mei-pa, Community Church, 8
23 A.D.C. Club Evening, Lyceum, 9.15
24 Gaul's Oratorio 'Holy City,' 250 voices, Community Church, 3
25 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
26 Charity Soccer Match, 'Canidrome, Kick-off 2.45
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Nutritional Values,' 9
28 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Rd., Public Lecture, 6
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
29 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
29 Royal Asiatic Society Meeting
29 7th Rover Ball, Masonic Hall, 9
29 For. Y. Debate: 'Pacifism and Warmakers,' 9
30 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6

JANUARY, 1939

5 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
5 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
5 'The Divorced Wife' (The Girl in the Train), music by Leo Fall, Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
5 For. Y. Debate: 'Naughty and Interesting vs. Good but Dull,' 9
7 'The Divorced Wife,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
8 A.T.A. 'Libel' at S.J.S. in aid of Austrian and German refugees, 8.30
8 'The Divorced Wife,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
9 I.E.E. (China Centre) General Meeting, Park Hotel, 5.15
12 Le Ballet Russe, Grand Premiere of Tschaikowsky's ballet: 'Le Lac des Cygnes' (The Swan Lake), Lyceum Theatre, 9
12 For. Y. Debate: 'Missionaries—Harm vs. Good,' 9
13 Shanghai Camera Club. Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
14 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
15 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 2.15
15 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
19 For. Y. Debate: 'Enslaved Women,' 9

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

The "North-China Daily News" will be published as usual on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but there will be no issue on December 26 and January 2.

The offices of the Company will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year Day only.

THE PUBLISHER.

December 20, 1938.

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Shanghai, December 16, 1938.

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A Prohibition Explained

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E. SCHILD.
Far Eastern Representative of
Beiersdorf & Co.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

No Discrimination

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In reply to the letter from INQUISITIVE, we do not know to which German toothpaste his purchase referred but are pleased that he was satisfied with the product.

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GERMAN IMPORTER.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

Christmas Spirit:

Shanghai's Charitableness

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Remembering that we are so often taken at our own valuation I raise a faint protest at the concluding paragraph of J. C. B.'s letter:

> Let us rid ourselves of the usual callousness, for whosoever gives unto the poor gives unto the Lord.

A stranger reading J. C. B.'s letter would think that here was some good man seeking to stir up something of a Christmas spirit in a community entirely given over to selfishness. And yet ever since I came to Shanghai I have been struck by its charitableness—one burden after another has been laid on its shoulders and it has managed to carry them all. Let J. C. B., if he feels like it, say to himself "I will rid myself of my usual callousness" (if he is callous—which I feel sure he isn't), but his appeal to the community might have been put differently. Christmas to the various national societies, women's associations and the like is merely a time for an extra effort—their charitable work goes on all through the year.

As for the value of poetry as an inspiration—I think J. C. B. attaches too much importance to it. But I daresay if I looked through the "Oxford Book of English Verse" I might find some kind of a poem in praise of Charity.

TAGDAY.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

BY SAPAJOU

M. Favak

In the title role of the French A.D.C. play "Ruy Blas 38."

The Equation of Time

Why do the afternoons begin to lengthen several days before the shortest day? A reader asks this question, pointing out that this happens about three weeks before the winter solstice in our latitude. Mr. R. Woolley of Cambridge, Eng., answers the question in "Nature."

To put a name to the phenomenon does not explain it. It is necessary to go into the question of timekeeping in some detail. For scientific purposes we require some sort of uniform timekeeper: without venturing into awkward philosophical or metaphysical questions as to what is meant by that phrase, we can safely appeal for the purposes of this article to the reader's idea of a perfect mechanical clock.

For scientific purposes it will not matter how the clock is calibrated, that is to say, what is the hour or unit of time. Just as the metre is the distance between two marks on a certain bar kept in the archives at Paris, the hour might be the time taken for the hands of the standard clock in the vaults at Paris (or anywhere else selected by international agreement) to pass from one mark to another. But for civil purposes, it is clearly desirable that the unit of time should have some simple relation to our daily life—so that the office always opens at x o'clock, and a train departs at y hours z minutes, the x, y and z referring always to certain times of day. Civil requirements dictated the measurement of time in terms of the day and night, and, as is well known, the system of dividing day plus night into 24 hours has been universally adopted.

Sun Time and Star Time

No difficulty was experienced until accurate clocks were constructed, when it was found that the interval between midday and midday judged by the sundial is not always the same length of time judged by the clock. The sun is sometimes early and sometimes late on the perfect clock.

The same is not true of the stars, however. If there was a star bright enough to cast a shadow on a sundial, the interval between successive indications of 12 o'clock star time would agree perfectly with equal intervals on a mechanical clock—but the intervals would not be days. This is because the earth goes round the sun in such a sense that, as it turns on its axis 366¼ times in one year, the revolution round the sun makes the sun appear to rise and set once less or 365¼ times per year. Hence there are 365¼ ordinary days and 366¼ sidereal days in a year, and the sidereal day is about 4 minutes shorter than the solar day.

It is no good using sidereal time for civil purposes, because 6 o'clock sidereal time occurs in the evening in the autumn, at midday in winter, in the early morning in spring and at midnight in summer. If we kept sidereal time on our clocks we should be faced with the choice of having the morning bus to town (if and when it keeps time) running 4 minutes later each day, or of following the indicated time and lunching at midnight at some time of the year. We prefer, of course, to take no notice of astronomical nonsense, to use a time which agrees more or less with solar time, but to keep it on perfect mechanical clocks and to disregard the fact that 12 o'clock clock time is not always 12 o'clock sundial time.

Equation of Time

The difference between sundial time and civil time is called the eqution of time. It is quite large. On January 1, solar time is 3 minutes behind civil time; in the first week in February, it is 14 minutes behind; on April 16 they coincide, and by May 16 solar time has got 3¾ minutes ahead. From this date however it falls back, the two time systems being coincident on June 14. Late in July the solar time is 6 minutes behind civil time, and it starts to gain again, its biggest lead being 16 minutes 22 seconds on November 4. From this date until February solar time loses on civil time.

We can now see why the equation of time comes into our correspondent's question. Midday by the sundial occurs at 11.44 a.m. on November 4, at 11.51 a.m. on December 1, at 11.58 a.m. on December 21, and at noon on Christmas Day. If the sun always set six hours after noon sunset would move from 5.44 p.m. on November 4 to 6 p.m. on Christmas Day, that is to say, on account of the Equation of Time alone the clock time of sunset gets a little later each day at this time of year, sunrise getting earlier, so that to people who were not up and about at sunrise the day would appear to lengthen.

But in fact the sun does not set 6 hours after noon, but by an amount after noon depending on the time of year, coming to a minimum on the true shortest day, so that there are two factors determining the time of sunset, the length of the day and the Equation of Time, and these work against each other in early December, the shortening of the day tending to make sunset earlier and the equation of time tending to make it later. The total result of this is to make the earliest sunset come before the shortest day, and the effect is compensated at sunrise. A milkman who finished work and went to bed at noon would find the latest sunrise would occur after the shortest day in the almanacs.

Evenings Now Lengthen

One can see further that as one goes south to lower latitudes, the variation of the length of the day is weaker, so that the Equation of Time is more successful in pushing the date of earliest clock time of sunset forward in the month of December: conversely in high latitudes getting near the Arctic Circle the natural variation in the length of the day will be stronger and will mask the Equation of Time effect up to a later date than it does in these latitudes.

It is hardly fair to leave the matter here without a word about the origin of the Equation of Time itself. It has a double origin, and arises partly because the earth's axis is inclined to the axis of the earth's orbit, and partly because the earth's orbit is elliptical and not circular. The explanation of the way in which these two factors enter into the Equation of Time is a little too mathematical for us to embark upon it at the end of an article, but perhaps the part due to the elliptical motion of the earth is fairly obvious. It is only in a circular orbit that a satellite revolves at a constant angular velocity round its primary, so that as the earth's orbit of revolution round the sun is slightly elliptical, the sun's movement against the background of stars is not uniform. This means that the rate at which apparent solar time is losing on sidereal time (and therefore on mechanical clock time) is not steady, and we have part of the cause of the Equation of Time.

Radio 'Phone Rates Cut For 'Xmas Season

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 17.

The Postmaster-General, Major G. C. Tryon, announces that on December 23 and December 24, and from December 26 to January 4 inclusive, radio-telephone rates to the following countries will be reduced by half:—Argentina, Brazil, Chile, the Netherlands East Indies, Egypt, Iceland, Japan, Kenya, Malaya, New Zealand, Paraguay, Rhodesia, South Africa, Siam, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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Exiles Flock Back Home to Britain

"Colonials" Also Join Rush For Christmas

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 17.

The call of Great Britain at Christmas time is being answered this year by thousands from all parts of the Empire.

By far the biggest number of exiles returning to this country for Christmas are coming from India and further east.

Hitherto, a comparatively mild winter has been experienced, and huge crowds daily pack popular business centres in the Metropolis, including thousands of "Colonials."

In preparation for the heavy holiday traffic beginning next week, the four main line railway companies have arranged to run more than 2,500 additional long-distance passenger expresses and extra trains for parcels and mails.

No fewer than eighteen planes—flying-boats and landplanes—took off from Southampton for Empire destinations in one day, and "no difficulty is being experienced" in disposing of the heaviest Christmas mail ever handled.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 18.—The "Sunday dispatch" announced this morning that Herr Hitler intended to suggest the convocation of an international disarmament conference. The Fuehrer desires to submit proposals for a four power pact between France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, including a quantitative limitation of armament programmes for all arms mentioned in the German programme—without taking into account the arms already manufactured by the Reich—and a limitation of air forces on a basis favourable to Germany.—Havas.

S.V.C. Routine Orders

By Colonel J. W. Hornby, M.C., Commanding, Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Officers:—The following extract from the Municipal Gazette dated December 16, 1938, is published for information:—Long Service Medal—Awards:—The undermentioned has been awarded the medal for Long Service:—C.Q.M.S. Eduardo Marques I—November 22, 1938.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle):—(a) "30 Yards Range":—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range":—American Troop.—Tpr. H. Sardeman, Tpr. W. A. Adams Jr. "A" Company.—Pte. D. S. Ramplin, Pte. P. E. Jorgensen. (b) Marksmen:—The undermentioned have classified as Marksmen for the Training Sesson 1938/39:—"B" Company.—2nd. Lieut. K. W. Greiner, L/Cpl. V. H. Anderson, Sgt. A. England, L/Cpl. J. E. King, Sgt. G. A. Browne, Pte. R. Ross, Sgt. W. G. Stone, Pte. E. Grundt, Cpl. N. P. Evans.

Amendment:—Reference C.R.O. No 49, para. 290 (b), dated December 5, 1938:—(b) Classification (Table "B"):—The undermentioned have qualified in Table "B":—Corps Headquarters.—Captain L. A. Whittaker. Transport Company.—Captain J. D. E. Shotter M.B.E., A.F.C. Add—Qualification Marksman.

Christmas Holiday — Headquarters Officers—Closing of:—All offices at Corps Headquarters will be closed from 12 noon Saturday December 24 to 9 a.m. Wednesday December 28, 1938. Any matter of an urgent nature occurring during this period will be dealt with by the Officer on duty who may be communicated with by ringing up in the first instance telephone number 12879.

Strength:—(a) Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. W. Heusden December 14, 1938. Corps Troops:—Signals Company.—Sigmn. E. Jitts December 14, 1938. Armoured Car Co.—Pte. R. G. Sayle December 14, 1938. Chinese Company.—Pte. P. Kuang December 13, 1938. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte. W. Quelch December 10, 1938. Jewish Company.—Pte. W. Beck December 10, 1938. "B" Battalion:—Philippine Company. — Pte. A. Andrade December 14, 1938. Decrease:—The undermentioned is taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—Interpreter Company.—Sgt. C. C. Wolfe December 14, 1938 Business Reasons.

"BLUE law" edicts against dancing or playing mah-jong threaten Kuomintang officials engaged in prohibited recreations with a military court-martial, it was learned yesterday. Orders to this effect were issued by the Chungking regime. The edicts recalled that no Kuomintang officials were permitted to seek reguge in the "orphan islands" of Hongkong and Shanghai unless on official business. This ban was promulgated some time ago.

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Thousands at Funeral of Soviet Pilot

M. Joseph Stalin Among Pall-Bearers

Moscow, Dec. 19.

Hundreds of thousands assembled in the Red Square yesterday for the funeral of M. Chkalof, the Soviet military pilot who was killed in a crash here on December 15, while testing a military plane. During the last two days, many thousands of persons have filed past the coffin.

Yesterday, an urn containing the cremated remains was carried from the Trade Union House to the Red Square by M. Stalin, M. Molotov, and other Soviet leaders, where orations were delivered.

Then, amid the thunder of saluting guns, and the strains of the "Funeral March," the urn was carried to the Kremlin Wall, where it was placed in a niche.

A last salute was given by bombers and fighting planes, which flew over the Red Square in formation.—Reuter.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF DECEMBER 20, 1878

Shanghai is certainly day by day approaching more nearly to the conditions of "home" life. The newly introduce furniture manufacture of Messrs. Sayle & Co., which is but the foreshadowing of other local manufactures to come. Now we have to call attention to another matter, widely different it is true, but eminently practical and useful, specially in this sport-loving community. We allude to the growth last season, by Mr. A. Ferguson, of the farm, of about 70 tons of superior English hay, of which a sample has been kindly forwarded us, which it was a pleasure to see a delighted quadrupee enjoy. Being intended for consumption on "The Farm" the farmer simply invites inspection of his well-ended stack before too large a hole is made in it by the herd. Judging from the sample spoken of, we should certainly recommend an increased growth, if possible, in the next and future seasons, for the value of the fragrant production is undoubted.

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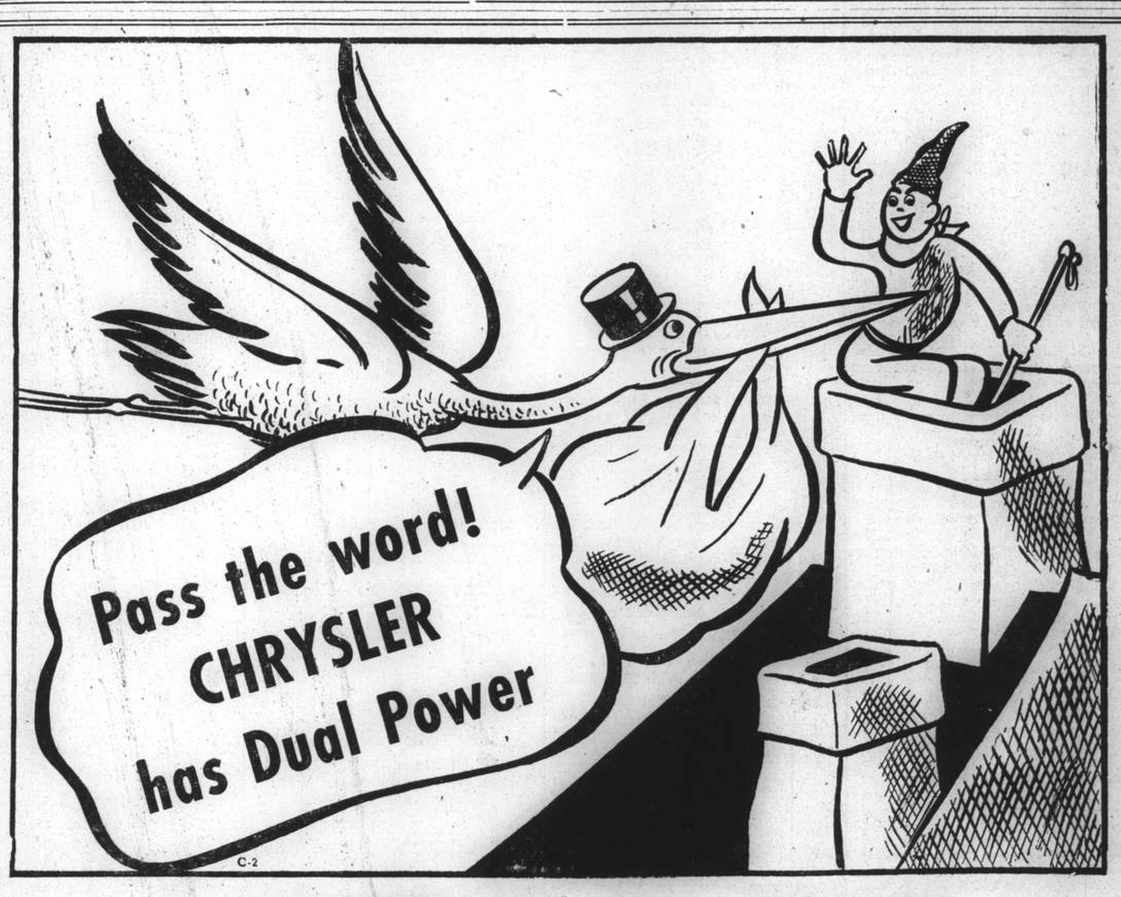

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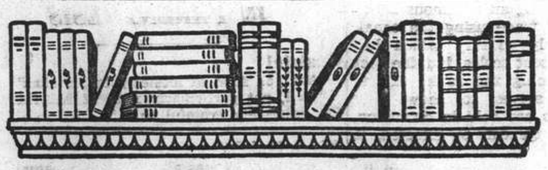

THE BOOK PAGE

An Experienced View

AFFAIRS OF CHINA A Survey of the Recent History and Present Circumstances of the Republic of China. By Sir Eric Teichman, K.C.M.G., C.I.E., of His Majesty's Consular Service in China (retired). With 3 Maps. Methuen, London. 12/6.

Among the best books on China recently published is Sir Eric Teichman's "Affairs of China." The author does not delve into the history of the country, except as regards a survey of the complicated political conditions which resulted in the Revolution and the consequent stimulation of the patriotic feelings of the Chinese people. He has written it "in the hope of rendering the news from China more intelligible to the uninformed reader of the daily Press." And as the China news which principally interests readers abroad is what has a bearing on the position of foreigners, and their political and commercial connections, he has adopted the excellent plan of dividing his book into a number of chapters, each of which deals with the countries having treaty relations with China and discusses the points which arise in their mutual dealings.

Not Always Welcome

The questions of the unequal treaties, extraterritoriality, tariff autonomy, are deal with separately, as are the affairs of the Customs, Posts and Salt, the Treaty ports, and of Shanghai in particular. Other chapters tell the story of the Leased Territories and the position as regards the Chinese Government in relation to the Kuomintang and the Communists, loans, railway concessions, currency, wireless and mining enterprise are similarly analysed, as well as various other subjects. The result is a volume so divided that any reader requiring information and understanding as regards a particular subject has only to turn to the chapter which deals with it. What he will find may be judged by the fact that most of Sir Eric Teichman's service has been spent in the Chinese secretariat of the British Legation, and that his position, especially during his last ten years as Chinese Counsellor, enables him to write with authority about all important matters affecting British interests. Naturally, he generally expresses the official view, but frequently ventilates his own opinions with point and force. He is often critical of what he calls the Treaty-port view, and what he says in this respect is worthy of consideration, though perhaps not welcome to some who may read.

The Two Sides

On the subject of Japan's invasion of China he submits that there are two sides to this question, and while he condemns the Japanese he does not absolve the Chinese of blame. But he does blame the foreign Powers for the situation which led up to the conflict with Japan, though when he speaks of China's "subjugation" by the foreign Powers he seems to use stronger language than is justified. Foreigners, generally, have aimed at legitimate commercial exploitation, and if in the past they have dealt roughly, or even unfairly, with the Chinese, it is the case that since the revolution, which gave evidence of the new-born desire to regenerate and reconstruct, the foreign attitude has changed materially, as proved by the conclusion of the Nine Power Treaty in 1922. The conditions of that instrument provided that China should be given every possible opportunity of putting her house in order; and if she had made reasonable progress in that direction it can be argued that there never would have been any excuse for the Japanese to use force. It was, of course, entirely contrary to their treaty obligations that the Japanese attacked Manchuria, but it is true that the Chinese had failed to fulfil certain of their obligations to Japan, and that the Three Eastern Provinces had been dreadfully misruled, especially in the matter of the *feng piao* currency, the use of which scandalously robbed the native inhabitants as well as all foreigners with business interests.

Japanese Policy

With the easy occupation of Manchuria, and no more than the paper denunciation of their action by the rest of the world, the Japanese soon embarked on the wider policy of penetrating into China proper. On this development the author is frank and realistic;

> Japan must, in the eyes of her strategists, occupy North China and Inner Mongolia to outflank the red republic of the Outer Mongols, and sever communications between China and the Soviet. And Japanese policy can see no middle course, between a China under Russian and one under Japanese protection. To the Japanese their real enemy on the mainland of Asia, was, is and always will be Russia. The bogy, therefore, in the minds of all Japanese is a sovietized China under Russian influence. The Japanese claim to be the bulwark shielding China from the waves of bolshevism which, they maintain, threaten to engulf her from the north, and they ascribe to bolshevism all manifestations of anti-Japanese feeling amongst the Chinese, closing their eyes to what is so obvious to others: that anti-Japanese boycotts and agitation in China are the direct results of Japan's political aggression; that the Chinese as a nation are not likely to succumb to communism; and that if anything will drive them into the arms of Russia it will be foreign aggression which they cannot otherwise resist.
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> Japan's activities in China since 1931 have been in flagrant violation of her obligations under the Kellogg Pact and the Nine Power Treaty. Yet there are, if one would understand her point of view, other aspects of the situation which should not be overlooked. China also was, and is, bound by treaty obligations which she has sought to set aside; and, as the treaty port communities can testify, the methods of the Chinese Nationalists in seeking to rid themselves of the Unequal Treaties can be exceedingly exasperating. The causes of the conflict lie in the roots of history, in China's subjugation by the foreign Powers and in the failure of Japan to move with the times. China's struggle to emancipate herself from the thraldom of the treaty system meets nowadays with sympathy and understanding from Europe and America. But to the pre-war mentality of the Japanese, all such manifestations of Chinese nationalism are a challenge provoking a resort to arms. In Japanese eyes one treaty obligation is as binding as another, whether voluntarily undertaken or accepted under threats of force. What advantage is it otherwise for a nation to be strong enough to enforce its will? Japan's position in Manchuria had been built up by war and treaty; she claimed to be entitled, and she was determined, to treat Manchuria as an autonomous dependency of China under Japanese protection. (So had Russia and Great Britain treated Mongolia and Tibet.) Why should she allow the Chinese Nationalists to set aside her treaty rights, and the Kuomintang to unify Manchuria with the rest of China? Why, the Japanese contend, shouldn't hey not expand at the expense of China, when Britain, Europe and America have long ago expanded at the expense of half the world?

Britain and China

Sir Eric makes out a good case for British relations with China, and it cannot be denied, as he says, that the British policy has always been to promote "a prosperous, united and independent China." In referring to the difficulties which have arisen he mentions that the personal contacts between the British and the Nationalists were seldom satisfactory, and on this point there is, of course, a good deal of room for argument. The die-hards, whom he classifies as usually journalists or lawyers, have well-founded accusations against the Chinese, and some of them especially those outside the categories named, can talk by the hour about the shortcomings of the Chinese. Nevertheless, the author correctly recognizes that foreign symypathy throughout the present crisis has been with the Chinese, and that relations between the British and the Chinese are now as close and intimate as ever before. It may be remarked that one reason for the closer intimacy is that the Chinese are being forced by conduct of the Japanese to recognize that the British are comparatively angelic from the human point of view. The author claims that the Chinese historian of the future may well write down Britain as China's best and oldest friend. Yet Britain, he admits,

> has not in the past been popular in China; and Chinese of the educated classes, many of whom have been trained in American colleges and schools, tend to be prejudiced against the British and their activities in China. History can only too easily be stuffed with evidence of British imperialism in Asia. Chinese resentment, suspicion and hostility have in the past been roused by British policy in Tibet and on the Burma-Yunnan frontier (directed, though the Chinese would not believe it, solely to the protection of the Indian Empire); and by the attitude of the British Government, before their change of heart in 1926, in seeking to uphold against the rising wave of Chinese Nationalism the complicated fabric of British treaty rights and vested interests. Moreover the personal contacts between the British treaty port communities and the educated youth of China were seldom satisfactory. The average Englishman of Shanghai and the treaty ports conveyed to his Chinese fellow citizens an impression of aloof complacency, and an irritating assumption of racial superiority. Very likely he felt nothing of the kind, but could not help the atmosphere he carried with him. Social intercourse on a footing of equality used scarcely to exist. Also responsible for much of the British unpopularity in China was the old die-hard "China Hand," usually a journalist or lawyer, with his interests rooted in the exterritorial regime, who had developed an anti-Chinese, treaty port complex and regarded all manifestations of the new Nationalist China with soured and jaundiced eye.....In spite of the general chaos, civil war and spate of agitation, those responsible for the control of British policy in China recognized in the fevered nationalism of the Kuomintang a new leaven of regeneration for the decaying and disintegrating body politic of China. Local British interests at the treaty ports, too close to, and too much involved in, the maelstrom of events in China, failed altogether to grasp the true significance of what was happening. The new policy was initiated in the face of a storm of local criticism, reaching at times the levels of vituperation; and it was continued in the face of much discouragement and many obstacles. Gradually the Chinese came to recognize its sincerity and wider implications. From 1925 to 1927 China and Britain were often on the verge of war; from 1928 relations started to improve; within a year or two they were relatively good, and since then they have become as close and intimate as they have ever been before.

Extrality and Shanghai

The chapter on Shanghai contains a good deal that is instructive of the affairs of the International Settlement and of interest to foreigners in general. The author's views on the political aspects of the whole situation are worthy of study, but it is surprising, not to say disappointing, to learn that the Governments of Britain and America "continued their negotiations for the revision of the Unequal Treaties as though Mr. Feetham and his report did not exist." It is well known here that the British Legation in 1931 had initialled an agreement with the Nanking Government practically relinquishing extraterritoriality, so far as Britain was concerned. The author throughout his volume shows disapproval of this political expedient and in one place accuses the foreign governments of having forced it on the Chinese. Yet in the Shanghai chapter he says as regards the earlier days that it was "an established principle with the Chinese officials and their Government that these western aliens should, as far as possible, be left to administer their own affairs." It also rather detracts from the author's defence of the later policy of Britain, in recognizing and endeavouring to meet Chinese aspirations, that "the British Government seemed to have lost their heads" as "British concessions were being retroceded right and left," apparently, from his own point of view, prematurely and without adequate reason.

The Horse and Cart

Whatever Britain was prepared to do at that time, however, was entirely knocked on the head by the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, and by the fact that China thereafter appealed to the League of Nations, with most unhappy results, as all the world knows. From the Shanghai point of view, it may perhaps be said, that the only favourable effect of the Japanese aggression against China is that it put a stop to the ill-considered policy of wholesale surrender of foreign rights. The author himself, writing of the period succeeding the signature of the Washington treaties, puts on record that "unfortunately things in China were at this time in a frightful mess, going during the next few years from bad to worse, so that the continuing civil wars and political disorders furnished abundant justification from the foreign point of view for holding up even the half measures of treaty revision promised in the Washington resolutions and agreements." The question is whether the conditions described had improved to an extent which justified Britain in going ahead with revision so early as 1931. Foreigners were quite prepared to forego their special privileges step by step as China gave evidence of an effective reorganization of her administrative system. According to Shanghai opinion, including that of the British die-hards, journalists and lawyers, the British Govesnment was putting the cart much too far in front of the horse.—D.E.

The Bible and the Child

THERE'S A STORY TO TELL Stories for Children from the Old and New Testaments. By Blanche Winder. With twenty-four colour plates by Harry G. Theaker. Ward, Lock, London. 3/6.

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A China Review

T'IEN HSIA MONTHLY December. Published under the auspices of the Sun Yat-sen Institute for the Advancement of Culture and Education. 400 Ferry Road, Shanghai. $1 Per annum $9.

Mr. H. S. P. Hopkinson in his article "English Genealogical Records" in the current "Tien Hsia Monthly" rebuts the charge that genealogical research is "a snob's hobby." And why should it be?—a glow of pride is not the invariable result of a personal investigation. Mr. Hopkinson gives extracts from documents and useful advice to would-be investigators. Mr. T. K. Chuan contributes "Some Notes on Kao Seng Chuan" (The Lives of Venerable Buddhist Priests). "Language and Race in China" is dealt with by Mr. Harry Paxton Howard. A short story, "Chabancheh Makai," by Yao Hsueh-yin has been translated by Cicio Mar and Jack Chen—the subject being adventure among guerillas. The book reviews are, as usual, very readable.

New Fiction

About the last place where one would expect to be assassinated would be on Magdalen Tower, and yet after the choir had greeted May and the bells were clashing, Juan da Valgas was shot. The height on which he was killed made other towers suspect—and what an alpine job for conscientious detectives. Mr. Max Dalman has provided more than one murder in **"Death on May Morning"** (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) and a sweet girl undergraduate is almost added to the number. The efforts of the police are overhadowed by those of a newspaper reporter and this young girl, and the inspector in the end admits that the reporter has "done the work of an entire police force." The triumph of an amateur over a professional is always popular and the ultimate discovery that a man died because his hair was red is made amidst the very pleasantest surroundings.—M.E.

Books Received

The Oil Vendor and the Sing-Song Girl. V. Hundhunsen. (Poplar Island Press, Peiping. $5.50) **Black Barbary.** P. Turnbull. (Hurst & Blackett, London. 15/-). **China at Bay** W. L. Chester (Kelly & Walsh, Shanghai. $3.50) **"Heaven Knows"** M. H. Brown (Edinburgh House Press, London. 2/6) **Contract Bridge for Beginners** J. Culbertson (Faber & Faber, London. 6/-) **Beauties of Bridge** M. Dixey (Faber & Faber, London. 3/6)

My Friends the Chinese C. Crow. (Hamilton, London. 9/-)

Fiction

As Once You Were. A. S. M. Hutchinson (Nicholson & Watson, London. 7/6).

The Trains Go South T. Lane (Jarrolds, London. 7/6) **Breasted Amazon** S. McKenna (Hutchinson, London. 8/6) **She Died Young** A Kennington (Jarrolds, London. 7/6) **The Quest of Krang** C. van Horn (Hutchinson, London. 7/6) **Venus in Trousers** K. Shannon (Hutchinson, London. 7/6)

One thought fixed in the mind will be better than fifty thoughts made to flit across the ear. One tenpenny nail driven home and clenched will be more useful than a score of tintacks loosely fixed, to be pulled out again in an hour.—CHARLES SPURGEON.

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It is no hardship to anyone, to be excluded from what others have produced: they were not bound to produce it for his use, and he loses nothing by not sharing in what otherwise would not have existed at all. But it is some hardship to be born into the world and to find all nature's gifts previously engrossed, and no place left for the new-comer. —JOHN STUART MILL.

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Having been a slave to the influence of opinions early acquired, and distinctions generally received, I am ever inclined not to despise but pity those who are yet in darkness. But to the eye of reason what can be more clear, than that all men have an equal right to happiness. Nature made no other distinction than that of higher or lower degrees of power of mind and body.—SAMUEL ADAMS.

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Whatever fortune a parent may have inherited, or still more, may have acquired, I cannot admit that he owes to his children, merely because they are his children, to leave them rich without the necessity of any exertion. I could not admit it, even if to be so left were always, and certainly, for the good of the children themselves. It depends on individual character.—JOHN STUART MILL.

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The parent owes to society to endeavour to make the child a good and valuable member of it, and owes to the children to provide, so far as depends on him, such education and such appliances and means, as will enable them to start with a fair chance of achieving by their own exertions a successful life. To this every child has a claim; and I cannot admit, that as a child he has a claim to more.—JOHN STUART MILL.

Government Election Losses

Crashing Descent in West Lewisham ; Obnoxious Features of Milk Bill Severely Criticized

BY O. M. GREEN
(Editor "North-China Daily News," 1911-1930)

London, Nov. 25.

FROUDE says in one of his "Short-Stories" that age brings immunity from sea-sickness. Whether or not this is a scientific fact, the Prime Minister stood up the battering in the Channel on the way to Paris. But the fates are not kind to him. On the top of the gale comes the crashing descent of the by-election in West Lewisham, reckoned one of the safest Conservative seats in England, where a majority of nearly 13,000 at the general election is reduced to 5,648. And this on top of a heavy drop at Oxford and the loss of Dartford and Bridgwater.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett's success at Bridgwater is attributed by Government supporters to his popularity as a broadcaster on foreign affairs and to the fact that he stood as an Independent. But both these excuses really tell against themselves.

The Government's foreign policy, or foreign record, is not popular. But that is far from saying that the country would trust itself to the Labour Party, which by the way is again quarrelling in itself over the old bone of "United Front" with Liberals and I.L.P., which the old dogs of Labour still obstinately decline to swallow. In these circumstances Mr. Vernon Bartlett represents something new, and certainly his broadcasts on foreign affairs are level-headed and temperate.

Critical Voices Raised

It may seem strange, remembering the delirious enthusiasm with which the Prime Minister was greeted on his return from Munich, that now so many dissatisfied voices are raised in criticism. A writer in the "Daily Telegraph" today sums up the feeling well, when he says that "the country as a whole gave its approval to the policy adopted by Mr. Chamberlain but with the reservation that it was the only one possible in the circumstances." But it has now begun to ask questions as never before.

"Though they may not know it," the writer goes on, "the leaders responsible for Government policy are on trial during the next few months. The traditionally placid temper of the British people has been stirred. They are getting tired of insults and jeers from the dictators, tired of climbing down to each successive crisis and ashamed that men who have given their best, living in foreign lands, building up what we know as British prestige, should now be betrayed by weak administration."

That last sentence might almost have been expressly written to voice what must be the feelings in Shanghai.

As a matter of common gumption, surely the derelict trenches in Hyde Park and Regent's Park are a very bad advertisement for the Government. Hastily scooped out during the crisis for air raid shelters, inadequate enough at that, there they remain melancholy mounds and ditches of mud and water. Nobody seems to know what is to become of them. As a daily sample before our eyes of confusion and indecision where all the demand is for clear cut resolute planning nothing could be more injurious.

Going "Milk Mad"

Since in this unhappy country taxation on beer has risen the price to 5d. the half-pint (now why do not the Labour Party do something about this scandal which they ought to understand, instead of foaming about foreign affairs which they don't) and milk bars erupt in every street, no question has been more violently agitated than the supply of milk. We are really going milk mad.

Every child in a national school must have milk forced down its throat at 11 o'clock (though I know of working-class mothers who have forbidden their children to take it, saying truly, that it spoils their appetite for dinner and makes them spotty) and it is really harrowing to an old journalist, to see his younger confreres gulping down milk at irregular hours in the milk-bar at the top of Bouverie Street. By the way for some unknown reason, the window of this milk-bar is decorated with a stuffed kangaroo, with a look of pain on its face that might well induce the R.S.P.C.A. to make inquiries.

Mr. Elliot, when Minister of Agriculture, set up a Milk Board which has met with universal reprobation. Rather unfairly, Mr. Elliott has been shunted in the Secretaryship of Scotland and Mr. W. S. Morrison is having a try. Three or four years ago Mr. Morrison was spoken of as the coming man; foreign delegates at Geneva were specially polite to him as the future Prime Minister.

Control by Syndicates

Why then has his newly produced Milk Bill out-Elliotted Elliot? The latter's Milk Board only had powers to fine a farmer £50 if he sold his milk privately to the lieges of his neighbourhood. Mr. Morrison's Bill enacts that the producer, retailer shall be gradually but completely suppressed, the whole supply of milk being concentrated in a few monster syndicates.

This and other obnoxious features have raised rebellion on the Government's back benches. A powerful deputation waited on Mr. Morrison two days ago to inform him in no mistakable terms that his Bill must be revised from top to bottom—even the Milk Board has condemned it.

Industry on Up-grade

There really seems ground for thinking that the recent backward movement in British industry has been checked: coal, iron and steel all showed a marked improvement last month, when exports at £42,500,000 were the highest since March. In Sheffield 2,000 more workers have found employment in the past month. The motor trade is looking up and continually absorbing more men. So too is the jewellery business, always a sure index of improving times. Even in Manchester, they grudgingly admitted that people were finding a trifle more work to do. Certainly the air was smokier than two years ago, almost like old times.

Meanwhile the "sunshine boys" assure us that "there is more money about." The banks' daily clearances last month were £3½ million more a day than in September, postal receipts were up £2,500 a day; electricity output was 20 per cent. more than the month before; cotton mills took 98,000,000 lb. of raw cotton as compared with only 84; and in the Yorkshire wollen industry wages are up and unemployment down.

As a corollary to these cheerful figures, we are being adjured to "buy British" for Christmas; already it seems customers are doing so unprompted, and in silk stockings particularly inquiry shows that German stockings are slumping under the customers' demand for British. So of many other articles. One curious and interesting exception may be mentioned. Embroidered dinner mats and doylies are largely of Chinese work on Irish linen. Well, no one now would grudge China making what she can and, if as the "Daily Express" assures us, we have more money to spend we can well afford to let China have a percentage.

Railway Receipts Down

The railway companies are in trouble, it is estimated that their receipts this year will be £5,000,000 down; and the managers of all four went in a body to the Minister of Transport this week to state their case and ask for relief.

But the railways would face the road competition if their hands were free. Actually they must accept whatever is offered them and the rates to be charged for every article are laid down for them in a closely printed book of 371 pages. Many of the regulations in this book are too preposterous for words. For example periwinkles are to be charged at one rate, oysters at another, crab at another, sausage meat travels at one rate, sausage skins at another, the assembled sausage at a third; bass or whisk prepared for making brooms is charged quite differently from the same stuff not so prepared; cats meat cooked is charged at a different rate from cats meat uncooked; golf bags of canvas with leather fittings cost one carriage rate, all-leather golf has another. The book suggests that it was compiled in different parts of an overstaffed permanent department.

The railways are necessary in peace and vital in war. It is really a scandal that they should have to work under such unfair conditions.

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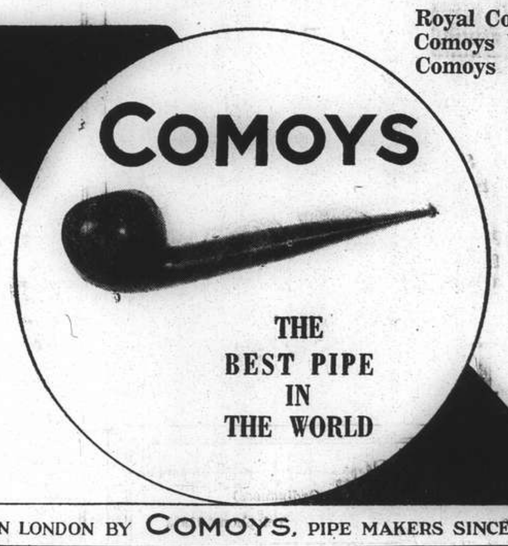

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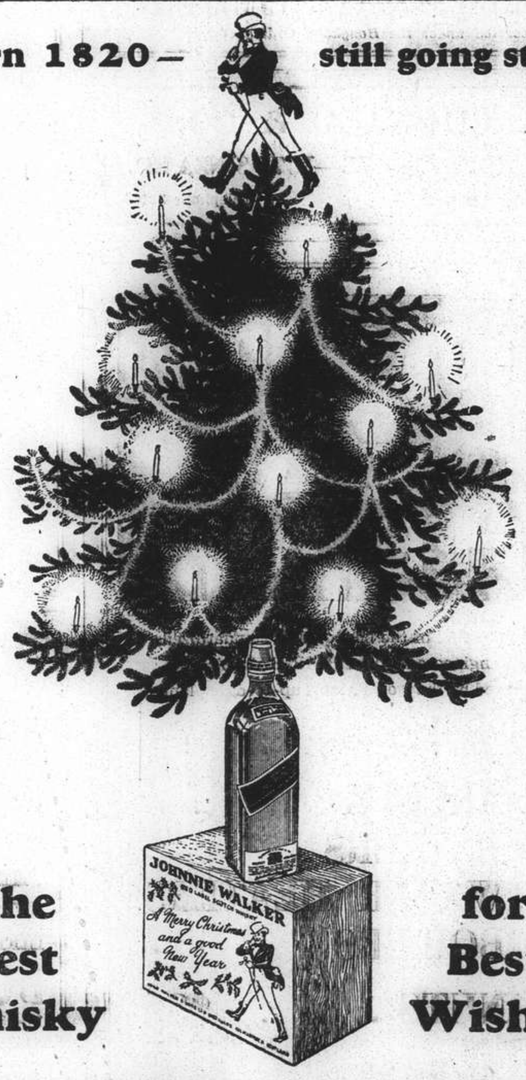

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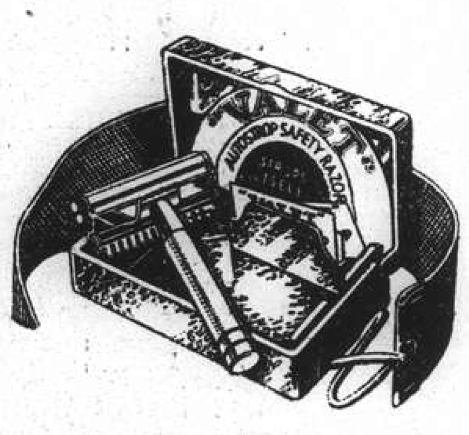

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DEATH

LOCKYER.—On Monday, December 19, 1938, suddenly, at his residence, 1690 Avenue Joffre, AUSTIN EDMUND LOCKYER, aged 57 years, the dearly-beloved husband of Jane Russell Lockyer. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held to-morrow, Wednesday, December 21, at the Bubbling Well Chapel, at 4 p.m. (It is requested that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to The Cradle, 296 Route Winling or the Salvation Army, 422 North Soochow Road.)

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SUEZ CANAL DUES

If there is one point upon which totalitarian states agitate with which it is possible to be in agreement it must certainly be that raised by Italy demanding representation on the board of the Suez Canal Co., and a reduction of the dues which are at present charged. With regard to the former it is apparent that Italy as one of the "nations principally interested" is entitled to representation on the board, and it is not to be believed that there will be any very strong opposition to such a demand. On the other hand the case for a further substantial reduction in canal dues is overwhelmingly strong, and in this connection it should be pointed out that the recent reduction from six shillings a ton to 5s. 9d. represents no very real concession to the shipping which uses the canal. Profits on the various scales of dues have always been high: in 1913 they were 33 per cent., in 1930 they had risen to 44 per cent., falling to 32 per cent. in 1932. Dues which were 5s. 4d. a Suez Canal ton in 1913 were at six shillings in 1937, meaning that the transit dues on a cargo say of 7,000 tons of coal from Swansea in a collier of 2,900 net tons,—equal to 3,700 Suez Canal tons,—would be about £1,100 or nearly 3s. 0d. a ton, a crushing addition to the c.i.f. value of a commodity which is shipped in competition with that of other countries, at an f.o.b. value of say 20s. a ton. From such an example it must be obvious that European countries trading in the Far East are consequently at a very considerable disadvantage as against such shipping as the Japanese which in this connection would not have to use the Canal. This burden is all the more surprising when it is recalled that the dues of the Panama Canal, ship for ship are from 10 to 20 per cent. below those of the Suez Canal, despite the fact that the former cost three times as much to construct, is much costlier to maintain and is still not run at a loss.

The height of the Suez Canal dues has been a matter of considerable concern practically since the inauguration of the company, and quite early in its history the agitation took such a form that the construction of a second competing canal was seriously considered. De Lesseps met the agitation by giving British shipowners further representation on the Board, and promising to apply profits, accruing after paying a dividend of 25 per cent., in reduction of dues to a minimum of Fr. 5. That, however, was quietly allowed to lapse. Since then the profits have risen as shown above, but protests have been ineffective whether they have emanated from British shippers, Dominion or foreign Governments. It has to be admitted that the Canal Company have the law on their side. Their business is to make profits, for they are not a public utility concern, but a private French company. They have accumulated vast reserves, pay liberal salaries and provide generous pensions. But it is clear, and has been so for years that the existing scale of dues has operated seriously against shipping obliged to use the Canal. Indeed they are so high that it has been estimated that the charges are equivalent to the cost of ten days' extra steaming for every ship, a serious handicap indeed upon shipping forced to use that thoroughfare. It has been suggested that the present system of fixing rates might with advantage be changed by adopting a scale which would take a vessel's draught and the amount and nature of the cargo carried into consideration, while another school of thought favours a three-part tariff based upon tonnage of cargo, draught and net tonnage. Of the supreme importance of the efficiency and cost of the Canal to European and Asiatic countries alike there cannot be the slightest doubt. There is no suggestion that the Company is not demonstrating complete efficiency in the manner in which it operates the canal, but it is contended that the charges are in the circumstances unwarrantably high, and that the time has come for further scaling down, and that despite the recent reduction by the small sum of 3d. a ton.

Of the importance of greater reduction to all trade east of Suez there cannot be the slightest doubt. In the Asiatic trade both the United States and Japan are in a favourable position, for even cargo brought from the eastern seaboard of America passing through the Panama Canal can be carried to Asia cheaper than it can from Europe via Suez Canal. The disadvantage at which European countries trading with the Far East are placed is a serious one, and if de Lesseps' proposal to use surplus profits for the reduction of dues to a minimum of Fr. 5 had been carried out, and there appears to be no valid reason why it should not have been, canal dues should by now have been in the neighbourhood of 4s. 6d., a vastly different figure from the charges which are now being made after the latest reduction. There is, therefore, very much substance in the claims which have been made for a drastic alteration in the charges which are now being made. They could quite easily on the foregoing figures be reduced by 20 per cent. without doing any injustice to the Company, but conferring an enormous benefit upon ocean-going trade using the canal. Italy is not the only country which has protested against present scales, but the fact that she is now joining the ranks of the protestants merely serves to show how generally the charges are held in disfavour. How a material change can be effected, it is difficult to see, for as has already been pointed out the Company is well within its rights from the legal point of view, and may be expected to stick as firmly to its guns in the future as it has in the past. It might, however, be possible to show that with the incubus of present dues removed for something less onerous the canal might in time do an infinitely bigger trade, with corresponding benefits to the company as well as to its clients. In any event it is obvious that some change is necessary to alter conditions which discriminate against the European trade in the Far East, and thus permit some answer to the keen competition which Japan is putting up in this part of the world, which cannot be done effectively until these necessary reductions are made.

A Quaint Suggestion

A valued correspondent with an undoubted sense of humour refers to the current rumours on the question of retaliation being resorted to by the various nations, and suggests that after all, without going to the lengths of more formal means of impressing upon the Japanese the error of their ways, adoption of the tactics they employ in Tsingtao might serve all purposes. Thus, he suggests, Japanese vessels in ports of those countries might be denied wharfage accommodation, passengers arriving by Japanese steamers might, as those arriving by foreign vessels in Tsingtao, be forced to have their baggage thoroughly examined on a vacant lot, instead of in the comparative comfort of the Customs sheds, their disembarkation might very inconveniently be held up for five or six unnecessary hours, obstacles could be put in the way of discharging cargo, while it could even be dumped on the beach and left there for the consignee to take delivery. It would not be necessary to go to the lengths of inventing tortuous methods of dealing with documents and all that sort of thing, but on reflection it really does seem that one of the most effective means of impressing upon the Japanese the necessity for stopping this discrimination in Tsingtao would be the application of similar practices elsewhere against the Japanese themselves. Indeed the history of the past few months of Japanese behaviour in Tsingtao could be classed as completely Gilbertian, and it would seem to be wholly fitting if in this matter a foreign Roland could be returned for the Japanese Oliver. It would require no weighty official announcements, or legislation to put such a procedure into practice, and if protests were registered the classical reply which is given with unvarying monotony need only to be slightly changed to one of "unmilitary necessity," to make the position quite clear, together with an assurance that Japanese interests were not being intentionally interfered with. There are other strangely comic features about the situation in Tsingtao, not the least of which concerns the currency question. Officially national Chinese dollar notes are or shortly will be placed at a 60 per cent. discount as compared with the notes of the Federal Reserve Bank, whereas in the open market they are actually at a substantial premium.

The Ex-Soldier's View

It will be a great pity if the situation regarding Anglo-German ex-servicemen's attempts at friendship is to continue along the unfortunate lines described by Sir Frederick Maurice, President of the British Legion. Sir Frederick stated that for years there had been an interchange of visits of British and German ex-servicemen, who came to appreciate each other's qualities under harsher conditions, with the object of promoting better understanding between the two countries, and good work had been achieved. A new atmosphere of attack and vilification which, Sir Frederick hastened to point out, emanated from agencies other than German ex-servicemen, is now undoing all the good achieved and the efforts appear to have been lost. There is nothing incongruous or fantastic in these visits of the ex-soldiers of one country to another which was formerly regarded as enemy, although, projected against a background of political antagonisms created since the former circumstances existed, they may appear in this light. If there are any people in this world who know the suffering, horror and utter uselessness of war, which is now being magnified and glorified by a new generation, it is the men who shot at each other in mud and blood in the last war and vowed there should never be another. Not only in Germany and Britain but in other parts of the world where these communities mingle, there have been pleasant and hopeful efforts at better understanding and the realization of futility will be all the more regrettable. Twenty years have elapsed since the end of the last war and most of the soldiers of today were unborn when this vow was made. Much can happen in a period of two decades. An intention may be cemented or a hopeful purpose wrecked, but under the false glamour of military standards, supported by political ambition, the strongest of purposes may yield. Sir Frederick hopes that it will be possible to return to the task of appeasement and to recover some of the ground which has been lost. It will be the fervent wish of all ex-servicemen that his hope will speedily be realized.

Guerillas

Reports from both sides in the Sino-Japanese hostilities conflict considerably over the suppression of guerillas. By the Chinese it is claimed that the guerilla campaign is being successful, harassing the Japanese communications and preventing the exploitation of the economic resources of the country by the invaders and those Chinese who are willing to assist them. By the Japanese, on the other hand, the claim is made that the guerillas in many widely different parts of the country have been "liquidated." The facts are probably somewhere between the two. The very existence of guerillas depends upon their being able to avoid any major engagements with the forces who are trying to round them up, and, therefore, Japanese claims of victories are probably well founded in so far as they mean that the guerillas have been dispersed. There can, however, be no real victory over such mobile forces until they are stamped out. Their mere dispersal, to regather as soon as the Japanese have turned their backs, is not a victory, since the whole work has to be done over again inside a few weeks. This is apparently what the Japanese have experienced in Pootung, of which they have been in nominal control for over a year, yet where they are even now engaged in the most recent of many campaigns of "extermination." Doubtless many guerillas have been slain in the course of these campaigns, but as is proved by the seriousness of the effort now being made against them, the major problem has never been solved. The time factor is important to both sides. The Japanese are being put to much expense and are suffering losses through the necessity for these campaigns, and this will eventually prove a grave drain on their war funds. The guerillas themselves, however, are forced to live largely upon the countryside in which they operate, and this has necessitated requisitioning the goods of the peasants. As a result many peasants regard them as little better than bandits. If the guerillas stay too long, there is always the possibility of the peasants organizing themselves into avenging bands, as has happened in bandit-ridden provinces many times in the past.

IN PARENTHESIS

Grateful

"ARE you fond of lobster salad, doctor?"

"Well, not particularly fond of it....no. But I'm extremely grateful to it."

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"Late Knight"

"MY dear, he was always so unpunctual that, even while he was alive, she referred to him as "my husband, the late knight.'"

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Colourful

A COLONEL, on leave from Calcutta,
At golf was too uttaly utta,
His remarks on the green
When he took seventeen
Brought a blush to the face of his putta!

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Streaky

"Now," said one of those school visitors who revel in intelligence tests, "if all the good people were white, and all the bad people black, what colour would you like to be?"

"I know what I'd like," replied the angel child, "but I'd be streaky."

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Asking Too Much

"LOOK here," said the head of the firm to the new traveller, "we have no wish to stint you in the way of reasonable expenses. But don't you think you're rather overstepping the mark when you treat yourself to a new hat and mark it up on your expenses sheet as 'overhead expenses'?"

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Poor Prospects

THE enthusiastic young man walked along the main street and entered the first big office he saw.

"What sort of chance is there here," he asked, "for a young fellow who's ready to begin at the bottom and work his way up?"

Not much," said the manager dryly. "We're contractors for sinking wells."

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The Old, Old Story

NOT for the first time hubby came home long after the clock had struck midnight. But he had with him something which he hoped would ward off the storm that awaited him.

"My dear," he started, as he came into the bedroom with a paper bag in his hand—"my dear, I've brought home some chestnuts."

His wife never looked up.

"Go on,' she said wearily. "I'm listening."

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Too Much for Her

HE looked across the tea-table at his pretty bride, hesitated, and then made up his mind to speak.

"Darling," he said, "I wish you wouldn't make any more scones."

"Why?" she asked, a hurt look in her eyes. "Don't you like my cooking?"

"I do indeed, my sweet, but you are too frail for such heavy work."

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No Blows Struck

IT was Saturday morning, and the men in the timber yard wanted to finish work promptly so that they could get to the football match in good time.

Just before twelve o'clock the foreman came along and told them to unload a wagon of timber, saying: "I want the eight-foot there, the ten-foot there, and the twelve-foot there." He then departed round to the other side of the wagon.

One of the men looked at his mate, swore vigorously, and said:

"Lumme! I know what he wants!"

The foreman appeared round the corner of the wagon at that moment and asked: "Well, what do I want?"

"You want the eight-foot there, the ten-foot there, and the twelve-foot there," replied the grouser.

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Gold—By Gum!

A NATIVE charcoal burner in Algeria has discovered £5,500 in gold while digging under a jujube tree at El Bourodj, a village 80 miles north of Marakesh.—B.U.P.

Under a spreading jujube tree
The charcoal burner sat;
His face was black as black could be,
His prospects worse than that;
He dreamed of gilded luxury,
Of wives, and growing fat.

Flies which regard all men as foes
Settled on him to sting;
In wrath the charcoal burner rose,
And swung a vicious swing;
He hit himself upon the nose—
He did that sort of thing.

This was the last of mounting straws
Which weighed upon his soul;
He took a spade within his paws
To dig himself a hole;
"Harassed by fate and Nature's laws,"
He said, "I've reached my goal."

And then he struck his luxury—
He thought it rather rum—
But there in gold for all to see
Under a spreading jujube tree,
Was wealth already come;
A jujube tree, by gum!

—By F. G. H. Salusbury in the "Daily Herald."

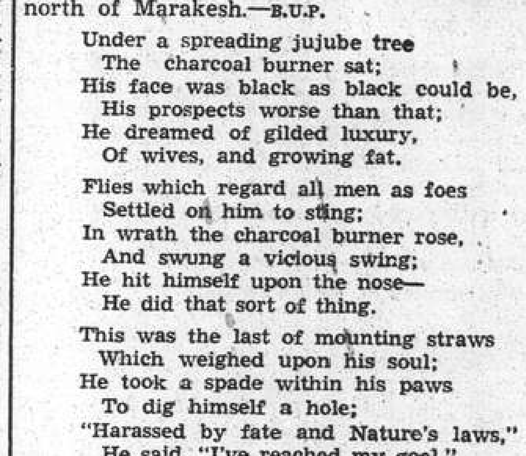
THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 43.5	Max. 51.0
Same date, 1937	Min. 30.0	Max. 45.0
Rainfall 1.41		

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. Nil.	Max. Nil.
Same date, 1937	Min. 24.8	Max. 45.1



Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 18th:—Anticyclone over Siberia, gradually spreading south-eastward. Fine weather and variable breezes in the north; overcast with rain and freshening north-easterly winds over our regions. Fresh winter monsoon at sea.

State on the morning of the 19th:—Rather high anticyclone over the Far East, gradually spreading southward.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather with variable breezes in the north. Overcast with rain but slowly improving with northerly to north-easterly winds over central China and our regions. Showers and rather fresh northerly to easterly winds along the Coast and at sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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TO THE PROVIDENCE ORPHANAGE, ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT

In memory of Mr. H. Browett:—

Mrs. A. M. Burgoyne and Daphne .... $ 5.00

TO THE LESTER CHINESE HOSPITAL

In memory of Mr. H. Browett:—

Y. C. Woo $10.00

TO THE AUSTRIAN REFUGEE FUND

Anonymous $50.00

TO THE HEBREW SHELTER HOUSE

Collected by Mrs. S. Lambert at a banquet in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenberg $50.00

Gaimusho Chief Calls Loans "Ill-Advised"

British and U.S. Credits to China May Have Repercussions on Interests of Third Powers ; Japan's Respect for "Open Door" Reiterated

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

AFTER reading a prepared statement to forty foreign correspondents today, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, replied to a barrage of pointed questions, the high light of the interview occurring when he was questioned on the reaction to the American loan to China. Mr. Arita pointed out that, although the loan may be made for the promotion of trade, it will "necessarily lead to a prolongation of hostilities and, consequently, to embarrassments and inconveniences of third power nationals."

"An American loan to China at this time," declared Mr. Arita, "is, therefore, inopportune to say the least and we cannot but say that it is an ill-advised act on the part of the United States, which, thus, far, has acted with understanding and discretion concerning the China affair. And if, as the American newspapers say, it is a political gesture of Washington to Japan, there would be nothing more dangerous.

"When the Japanese people are convinced that that loan to the Chiang Kai-shek regime is really intended as economic pressure by a powerful economic country, they would unite and the reaction would prove quite contrary to what America expects.

"The Japanese people would undoubtedly find new grounds for strengthening the proposed new order in East Asia.

"Personally speaking, I am not inclined to regard the reported loan as a political gesture."

When Mr. Arita was questioned concerning the British loan, he said the same remarks applied to it as to the American loan.—Reuter.

Statement in Full

Mr. Arita's statement in full through Domei follows:

"As has been made clear by the statement of November 3 by the Japanese Government, what Japan desires is the establishment of a new order which will insure permanent stability in East Asia, or in other words, the establishment of a relationship of mutual helpfulness and co-ordination between Japan, Manchoukuo and China in political, economic and cultural fields.

"That the formation of a closely co-operative relationship between the three countries is an imperative necessity is explained by the fact that it is, in its political aspect, a measure of self-defence against the Communist menace and in safeguarding the civilization and culture of the Orient; and in its economic aspect, a measure of self-preservation in the presence of the world-wide tendency to erect high customs barriers and to employ economic measures for political ends.

Ending China as Colony

"It is not only of benefit to the Chinese people themselves but to the whole of East Asia to lift China from its present semi-colonial status to the position of a modern state.

"Establishment of a new order, that is, of a relationship of mutual aid and co-ordination between Japan, Manchoukuo and China, simply signifies the creation of solidarity between these three countries for the common purpose of preserving the integrity of East Asia, while enabling each nation to maintain its independence and fully develop its individuality.

"It is the firm conviction of Japan that the establishment of such a new order will be perfectly in consonance with international justice and contribute toward peace and tranquility in Easts Asia, and it is her inflexible resolution to carry out her policy in this regard.

Economic Prospects

"Leaving for a later occasion the political and cultural phases of the proposed tripartite relationship, I wisn today to offer a few remarks on its economic aspect.

"The new order envisages a certain degree of economic coherence and co-ordination between Japan, Manchoukuo and China and the formation of a single economic unit in the presence of similar units which already exist elsewhere, and which are both powerful and self-sufficing.

"Although the term 'economic bloc' is frequently applied to such an arrangement, the proposed unit in East Asia is by no means to be a system of closed trade.

"If by 'economic bloc' is meant the exclusion of all interests other than those of the parties directly concerned, the employment of the term is wholly improper in the present case."

Japan's Free Principles

"At the moment not a few observers seem inclined to feel as though Japan, by the inauguration of a so-called Japan-Manchoukuo-China economic bloc, were driving at the exclusion from East Asia of all enterprises, capital investments, trade and other economic activities on the part of foreigners.

"It is quite regrettable that such an idea is now being reflected in the comments of various newspapers and magazines published in Europe and America.

"Japan has long stoutly upheld before all the world the principle of equality in commercial opportunity, though as a matter of fact that principle has received scant regard elsewhere and Japanese products of good quality and moderate price have everywhere been subjected to discriminatory treatment.

"Japan nevertheless still believes that the way to bring about prosperity to each and every nation is to give effect to the principle of equality in commercial opportunity, and she upholds the freedom of economic activity in all parts of the world as a matter of principle.

Japan's Co-operation Aims

"'It is far from Japan's thought to aim at excluding European and American economic activities from East Asia.

"However, it is most natural and proper that two neighbour nations closely bound together by links of race and culture (Japan, poor in natural resources and without large domestic markets, and China, still economically weak) should work together in order to insure their independence as regards vital supplies as well as their markets in time of emergency.

"Within those limits it is to be admitted that the economic activities of countries which lie outside the limits of East Asia would have to be regulated.

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Britain Could Also "Close Door"

Retaliation Against Acts In China Urged By "Daily Express"; Tokyo Comment

London, Dec. 19.

The British Government is reported to be advancing money to China so that the Chinese can open their "back door" to British trade, while the Japanese are shutting off the "front door," states the "Daily Express."

At the same time, the paper declares, the Japanese insist upon entering the British market in the Crown Colonies by the "front door."

"The proper course for us", the "Daily Express" considers, "is not to open the back door in China for our goods to enter, but shut the front door in the colonies to Japanese goods.

"We have the right and the power to do it.

"If we shut that door, we shall soon find the Japanese willing to open the front door in China to us once more."

"Guardian" Gives View

If Japan persists in discriminating against foreign trade in China, Great Britain and the United States are prepared to retaliate, says the "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial today in referring to the significance of the American credit of the £5,000,000 (approximately G.$25,000,000) and the reported British credit to China.

The paper takes the British credit as a fact and fixes it at £450,000.

Recognizing that British and American discrimination against Japanese trade would be a "more serious and more effective weapon" than loans or credits, the "Manchester Guardian" adds:

"It is only to be expected that Japan will react strongly against these measures but it is doubtful whether she can do more than she is already doing."

As it is, continues the paper, Great Britain has assailed the Japanese press as "the real enemy" and the "power behind China" but "Since we are already condemned, it can make little difference whether we are innocent or guilty of the charges."—Reuter.

Government to Define Policy

London, Dec. 19.

The press here this morning expected the British Government to define clearly their policy of resistance against any attempts at injuring British interests in the Far East.

Most of the diplomatic editors predicted that in reply to the appeal made by General Chiang Kai-shek in his recent conference with the British Ambassador to China, the British Government will place £500,000 drawn from the funds created by virtue of the law on export credits at the disposal of the Chinese Government.

"Clearly this sum is small compared with the great needs of China," stated "The Times" this morning. "It amounts to something like a farthing per head of the population. A general fund, however, is far from the Government's mind. Regarding the £500,000 they have a specific point in view, which is the provision of lorries and other transport along the road of strategical and economic value now being completed from Central China to Burma—the new gateway to the East."

"Japan's operations in the East gravely undermine the position of Hongkong as the clearing house for the Chinese market," the "News-Chronicle" stated. "But the flow of trade like the flow of a great river takes a lot of checking. There is nearly always a way round."—Havas.

Neutrality Act May Change

Washington, Dec. 18.

The "Washington Post" in an editorial today asserted that the granting of a U.S.$25,000,000 credit to China should assist in revision of the United States' Neutrality Act.

The paper pointed out that the procedure followed in granting the credits was "calculated to evade and nullify the ill-named, misconceived neutrality laws, which seek to prevent private individuals from doing precisely what the Government now sanctions."

Pointing out that the granting of this credit was completely inconsistent with the official neutrality policy, the paper said "when the matter comes up for discussion in Congress it should certainly assist revision of this legislation which hampers our foreign policy to such a degree that the Administration is forced to use a form of sabotage in order to safeguard essential national interests."

The editorial coincides with widespread speculation here as to possible changes in the Neutrality Act when Congress re-convenes on January 3. Well-informed quarters felt today that the Act was due to be modified, but admitted that the changed complexion of Congress and the rapidly changing world situation made exceedingly problematical the form which any such changes might take. Numerous organizations in Washington and elsewhere have announced their intention to agitate for a change in the act.—United Press.

Presentation of Birthday Honours

At an official ceremony held at the home of Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador, last night, nine Shanghai recipients of Orders from His Majesty the King, were presented with their insignia by the Ambassador. Picture (top left) shows Mr. A. Tahourdin, the Ambassador's Secretary, Lady Clark Kerr and Capt. R. Edwards, Naval Liaison Officer, during the ceremony. Mr. A. H. George, Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy, is seen receiving his insignia (top right) while below are pictured Capt. H.M. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner, S.M.P., and the Ambassador and (right) Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General and the Ambassador.

Soviet Troops Mass On Border

Concentration Along Manchoukuo Frontier Reported in Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

A large concentration of Soviet troops on the Manchoukuo border is reported by the commander of a Japanese unit which participated in the Changkaofeng Incident, according to a message from Tsuruga.

"God only knows," was the Foreign Office spokesman's reply when asked at a press conference this morning whether a settlement of the Russo-Japanese fishery question was likely.

He said that Japan would be satisfied if the *status quo* were maintained, but the Soviet evidently wanted to break it.

The spokesman admitted that Mr. Shigenori Togo, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, asked M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to give a reply by December 20, but asserted that the date mentioned did not represent a time limit, as alleged by the Japanese press.

However, continued the spokesman, negotiations ought not to come to a dead-lock because the U.S.S.R. was bound by a treaty to come to an agreement with Japan regarding the exercise of fishery rights granted to the Japanese by treaties betwen Japan and the Soviet Union.

Threat of "Free Fishing"

Meanwhile, the directors of the Nichiro Gyogyo Kabushki Kaisha, the largest Japanese fishery concern interested in fishing in northern waters, declared that they absolutely could not accept the Soviet's terms for a conclusion on the fishery modus vivendi.

They intended, the directors added, to exercise the fishery rights granted to them by treaty and would resort to free fishing if diplomatic negotiations in Moscow failed.

At the same time, a Japanese press message received here today from Hakodate stated that the Hokuyo Doshikai, an association of Japanese fishing interests in northern waters, passed a resolution, expressing stout opposition to the Soviet's terms for the conclusion of the fishery modus vivendi.

The message added that copies of the resolution had been telegraphed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture, Minister of War, Minister of the Navy, Speaker of the House of Peers and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

Foreign Warships Sail From Hankow

Engine Trouble in H.M.S. Gnat Causes Delay

Hankow, Dec. 19.

Escorted by Japanese warships, a convoy of five American and British gunboats led by H.M.S. Mantis flying the flag of Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, sailed from Hankow for downriver at 7 o'clock this morning.

Included in this convoy are in addition to H.M.S. Mantis, H.M.S. Peterel, H.M.S. Tern, and H.M.S. Gnat and the U.S.S. Guam.

It was announced by the Japanese naval authorities yesterday that the convoy had been held up at a point 50 miles downstream from Hankow, owing to H.M.S. Gnat having developed engine trouble. It is thought that the vessels will continue their voyage this morning.

The convoy will stop at Kiukiang where it will be joined by the U.S.S. Monocacy and H.M.S. Cockchafer, before resuming its downriver progress tomorrow morning.—Domei.

H.M.S. Cockchafer, it was learned yesterday, will stop at Anking to pick up Mr. and Mrs. A. Mair of the China Inland Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Mair have been in Anking for some while, awaiting transportation to Shanghai.

Birthday Honours Presented To Local Britons

H.M. Ambassador Confers Insignia of Orders Upon Shanghai Recipients at Official Ceremony

IN the presence of a distinguished gathering representing the British community in Shanghai, Birthday Honours bestowed upon Britons resident in the city by His Majesty the King were formally presented to the recipients by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H. M. Ambassador to China, at the Ambassadorial residence, Tunsin Road, last night. Represented at the function were the British Embassy, H. M. Supreme Court for China, H. M. Consulate-General, the Royal Navy, the Army and Royal Air Force, the Shanghai Municipal Police, the Shanghai Volunteer Corps and the local civilian community.

The list of presentations was as follows: K.C.M.G., Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General; K.B.E., Sir Robert Calder Marshall, chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, trustee of Holy Trinity Cathedral and a leading member of the British community; C.M.G., Mr. Anthony Hastings George, Commercial Counsellor of the British Embassy Offices in Shanghai; O.B.E., Capt. Henry Malcolm Smyth, Deputy Commissioner, Shanghai Municipal Police; M.B.E., Mr. Herman Frederick Baker, Secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce; Mr. William Coxon Scott, Accountant of H.M. Consulate-General; M.B.E. (Military Division), Maj. C. E. Howard Vyse, Royal Engineers; Capt. John Denham E. Shotter, S.V.C., manager and chief engineer of the China General Omnibus Company Ltd., and a prominent member of the Royal Air Force Association of Shanghai, who played a large part in the organization of transport during the emergency; and C.S.M. James Keil of the 1st Batt., the Seaforth Highlanders.

In making the presentations the Ambassador said: "I have asked all of you to come today because it is to be my privilege, by the command of the King, to deliver to nine of His subjects and our fellow countrymen, the insignia of the orders which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon them.

Well-Deserved

"I have tried to gather about each one of them those of their friends and associates, whom I, in their place would like to see about me in similar circumstances. As I have said it is my privilege to deliver these insignia to their recipients. It has been their privilege and thier achievement, each one, to win this special mark of His Majesty's confidence and approbation. We all know that these honours were earned in circumstances of uncommon difficulty and how well they are deserved. I am proud to be the means by which each one of these honours passes to the recipient. I should like to congratulate them all very warmly."

Before the commencement of the ceremony the guests were received by Sir Archibald and Lady Clark Kerr, and after the presentations champagne was served and the health of the recipients drunk, the Ambassador giving the toast. As the guests departed each one was presented to the Ambassador and his wife.

List of Guests

In addition to the recipients there were present:—Lady Phillips and Miss Phillips, Lady Calder Marshall, Mrs. H. F. Baker, Mrs. W. C. Scott, Mrs. J. D. E. Shotter and two sons, Mrs. Howard Vyse and Mrs. J. Keil.

Representing the British Embassy were Mr. W. D. Allen, Mr. Prideaux Brune, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cox, Capt. Ralph Edwards, Naval Liaison Officer, Mr. S. E. Faithful, Mr. and Mrs. Hayter, Capt. P. F. James, R.N., Wing Commander and Mrs. H. S. Kerby, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scott, and Lieut.-Col. Spear, H.M. Military Attache.

From H.M. Supreme Court were Judge Sir Allan and Lady Mossop, and Judge P. Grant Jones.

H.M. Consulate-General was represented by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. N. Ogden; Mr. S. G. Beare, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. G. W. Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Heaney, Mr. and Mrs. A. Veitch, Mr. W. C. Tice, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Steptoe and Mr. and Mrs. Barton.

From the British Chamber of Commerce were Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, Messrs. C. H. Arnhold, N. G. Beale, L. J. Davies, G. A. Haley, M. Reader Harris, A. S. Henchman, J. R. Jones, W. J. Keswick, P. W. Massey, G. E. Mitchell, R. D. Murray, T. S. Powell and H. G. W. Woodhead.

Representing the British military forces were Lieut.-Col. E. L. L. Acton, commanding the 2nd Batt. East Surrey Regiment; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray, commanding the 1st Batt., the Seaforth Highlanders; Maj. B. H. Ashmore, Brigade Major and Mrs. Ashmore. From the Shanghai Municipal Police were Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Young, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilbert. The Shanghai Volunteer Corps were represented by Col. J. W. Hornby, Maj. C. J. Corbin (Welch Regiment), Brigade Major, and Capt. W. M. Graham.

Dr. Funk on Leave

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Dr. Walther Funk, Minister of Economy, left tonight for Sicily on a private holiday. On his way back to Germany, he will stop in Rome to return the recent visit paid to the Reich by Signor Lantini, Italian Minister of Corporations.—Havas.

White Russian Leader Denounces Wrong Pro-Hitler, Pro-Japan Feeling

Gen. Denikine Declares Nazi Reich and Dai Nippon Seek Russian Land Under Anti-Bolshevik Campaign

Paris, Dec. 18.

Bitter criticism of the pro-Hitler and pro-Japanese feelings of some of his countrymen was made here by General Antoine Denikine, former Commander of the White forces in Southern Russia, in a lecture before the Russian community of Paris yesterday.

Speaking of Japanese and German designs upon Russian territories, he declared, "Under the cover of anti-Bolshevism, the leaders of new Germany aim merely at the annexation of new territory. For Japan also, anti-Communism is only a pretext for wars of conquest."

He recalled the traditional policy of Czarist Russia, which aimed at the prevention of German expansion in the Balkans.

He voiced the opinion that the present lack of balance in Europe was due to the weakness of the Soviet State. This weakness, he continued, prevented the U.S.S.R. from checking Germany's expansion.

"The balance of power will be restored," he concluded, "when France finds a new, strong ally and when a national Government is again set up in Russia."

All the White Russian community here took part at 4 o'clock this afternoon in a ceremony granting recognition to Grand Duke Vladimir as the heir to the Throne of the Czar of all the Russias.

Among those present for the solemn ritual, for which the Grand Duke was dressed in black, were dukes and duchesses, generals, archbishops and nobles of the old Russian regime.

M. Mendeleieff, doyen of the Russian nobility here, solemnly affirmed the loyalty of all White Russian associations to the Grand Duke Vladimir. He said that Russia would somehow find the force necessary to free herself from the Bolshevik yoke. He then presented to the Grand Duke an ikon of Saint Vladimir, patron saint of the new Holder of the Throne of all the Russians.—Havas.

Fascism Called New "Voodooism"

U.S. Cabinet Minister Broadcasts Slashing Attack Against Nazis

New York, Dec. 19.

One of the most outspoken attacks on Fascism ever made by a United States Minister was uttered by Mr. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, in addressing the Cleveland Zionist Society today.

He declared that it was an insult to the Middle Ages to compare modern totalitarianism with conditions in those days.

"To seek a true comparison," said Mr. Ickes, "we must return to a period when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial.

"Certain sections of Europe today make it possible for anthropologists to study primitive man without the reconstruction of a social order on the basis of human jaw bones or a few implements used long ago.

"The intelligence and culture of a humane people have been sunk and are traceless in the thick darkness of primitive times.

"Cruel, Refined Voodooism"

"Witchcraft has been enthroned and modern dictators have set themselves up as High Priests of a more cruel, if a more refined, voodooism.

"As a man-God ruler of a tribe, the dictator follows a form familiar to every student of primitive cultures."

Mr. Ickes attacked Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh for accepting decorations from Herr Hitler.

"How can any American, calling himself a Christian, accept decorations from the hands of a brutal dictator, who, with the same hands, robs and tortures thousands of his fellow humans? Perhaps Mr. Ford and Colonel Lindbergh will be willing to answer.

"These are not the only ones who have accepted a token of contemptuous distinction at a time when the bestower, himself, counts the day lost when he can commit no new crime against humanity."

Mr. Ickes declared that Fascism was an ever-present threat to the United States, "as it is to France and, even more, to the mother of democracies, England."—Reuter.

Mr. Dies Also Attacked

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.

Mr. Ickes speech was broadcast over nation-wide radio links.

Mr. Ickes warned the Jews that "in certain areas" of the world they were now being regarded as "political eunuchs and social outcasts, to be dragged down like mad dogs."

Indirectly he criticized Mr. Martin Dies, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee Investigating Un-American Activities. Mr. Ickes alleged that he "violated every rule of decency and fair play," although he did not mention Mr. Dies by name.

Discussing the plight of the German Jews, Mr. Ickes declared: "The crowning humilitation is that they are about to be segregated in Ghettos, as lepers of old. Although they are still living, they will in effect be buried alive."—United Press.

New British Gunboat Due in Port

H.M.S. Scorpion to Replace Bee As Yangtze Flagship

H.M.S. Scorpion, newest addition to the British Yangtze flotilla arrives in Shanghai from Hongkong tomorrow when she will replace H.M.S. Bee, now decomissioned, and will carry the flag of Rear Admiral R. V. Holt, Rear Admiral of the Yangtze Flotilla.

The new vessel which was built at White & Co.'s yards at Cowes, has been undergoing trials at Hongkong. Like other vessels of the Insect class she is of 585 tons and embodies new ideas in naval construction.

Also building in England are two more vessels destined for service in China to replace older gunboats, some of which have Persian Gulf service during the Great War. These ships are the Dragonfly which was launched at Thorneycroft's yards and H.M.S. Grasshopper.

Musica Scandal Inquiry Begins

Extraordinary Career of Italian Immigrant's Son Revealed ; Gun-Running Concealed Under Drug Sales

New York, Dec. 18.

WHILE McKesson & Robbins stocks and bonds lost approximately U.S. $34,000,000 in market values since the revelations of the sensational manipulations of Philip Musica, alias F. Donald Coster, president of the world's third largest drug firm who committed suicide two days ago, Federal authorities today announced that the U.S. Assistant attorney-General, Mr. Brian McMahon, was flying to New York from Washington on Monday to assume personal control of the investigation. He will co-ordinate the activities of half-a-dozen agencies concentrating on the theory that gun-running was the main activity of the firm's crude drug department in which an U.S. $18,000,000 shortage was discovered. Mr. McMahon is the chief of the Federal Department of Justice's criminal division.

Authorities are investigating the allegation that Musica had created the crude drug department as a mere blind to conceal his alleged gun-running. They are also examining the reports that Musica's original hair tonic business established about 1922 was formed on the basis of a scheme to gain a fortune through the illegal diversion of immense quantities of alcohol into bootlegging channels., It was through this business that Musica was alleged to have obtained his first million with which he purchased the venerable firm of McKesson & Robbins.

Mr. Harry MacKenzie has been summoned before the Federal Grand Jury on Monday at New York presumably to testify regarding his alleged activities as legislative agent for McKesson & Robbins.

Mr. Archibald McNeil, who is an attorney from Bridgeport, Conn., and a former Democratic National Committee member, also was subpoenaed.

Mr. McNeil said, "I will be glad to testify. I have nothing to conceal."

Mr. MacKenzie was formerly the first assistant to the late Mr. Henry Roraback, head of the Connecticut State Republican organization. He was reported to have received U.S. $7,000 per annum from McKesson & Robbins for promoting legislation which the drug firm needed through legislature.

Mr. MacKenzie was alleged to have been instrumental in obtaining the so-called state "Fair Trade Act" last year and was also on the payroll of the Retail Druggists Association of Connecticut.

He recently pleaded guilty in connection with the municipal corruption scandal at Waterbury and is awaiting sentence.

History of Musica Family

The history of the Musica family has been finally pieced together from all available records on file at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the criminal activities of the Italian immigrants formed a fascinating and remarkable tale. The files disclosed half-a-dozen exploits which helped Philip Musica climb from a cheese smuggler to the highest position in McKesson & Robbins until shooting himself to death two days ago. He chose death rather than face the courts again.

Philip Musica was born in 1877 at Naples. He accompanied his father, Antonio Musica, a barber, to New York in 1893. His father later opened an Italian food store, specializing in imports from Italy. He induced Philip to specialize in the sales of Italian cheese.

In partnership with his father, he opened in 1910 the "United States Hair Company," dealing in human hair. The company thrived and Philip Musica joined the Opera Society.

22 Banks Swindled

Using a shipment of hair as security, he obtained a loan amounting to U.S.$1,000,000 from 22 banks in 1913. The shipment of hair was later revealed in an investigation to be worth only U.S.$250.

The Musica family was arrested at New Orleans just as they were embarking a ship bound for Honduras. Philip Musica pleaded guilty, absolving his father and the remainder of the family of the guilt.

He was sentenced to three years imprisonment, but by aiding the authorities to straighten out the finances involved in the fraudulent deal he received a suspended sentence.

Using the name of Johnson, he aided the U.S. District Attorney in 1920 in obtaining evidence for a murder case. Later he was subpoenaed for perjury, but was not tried.

Last Phase of Career

He then assumed the name of F. Donald Coster and headed the prosperous hair tonic firm of Girard Company which became merged with McKesson & Robbins in 1927.

In the American Who's Who, he provided himself with a brilliant biography under the name of Coster.

Strangely enough, while he milked the crude drug division of his firm, he spent huge sums to increase the efficiency of the remainder of McKesson & Robbins, Inc.

In the American Who's Who he listed that he was born at Washington in 1884 and was the son of Frank Donald and Marie Girard. He also said that he was a Ph.D. of the University of Heidelberg, 1909, and a M.D., 1911.—United Press.

Ex-President Gives Views

New York, Dec. 18.

The former chairman of the Board of Directors of McKesson & Robbins and former president of the Remington Rand Company, Mr. Saunders Norvell, told the press today that he did not believe "Coster (Philip Musica) could have obtained arms to ship abroad."

He said munition makers lack stocks of military rifles and ammunition. Moreover, he pointed out, the munition manufacturers, through violations of the Neutrality Act, would be afraid of losing their best customer the United States Government.

Mr. Norvell disclosed that he had sold McKesson & Robbins, Inc., to Coster for U.S.$1,000,000 in cash. The deal, however, did not include the real estate belonging to the old established drug firm, he said.—United Press.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 1/16d. U.S.$ 16 3/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 19.

Higher prices for silver were fixed in London today, with quotations being:—

	Dec. 17	Dec. 19
London spot	20d.	20 1/8d.
" forward	19 7/8d.	19 15/16d.
" gold	148/11d.	148/8d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6731	$4.6775
One U.S. dollar	51.357d.	51.309d.

—Reuter.

Japanese Pootung Drive Ends

Success in Dispersing Guerillas Claimed; Aid Given By Peasants

Sorely-tried by the exactions of Chinese guerillas, claiming to be part of the newly-formed Fourth Army, Chinese civilians in Pootung assisted Japanese forces last week in eeking out the lairs of the irregulars, a correspondent of the "Shanghai Nippo" with the Japanese forces reported yesterday.

The anti-guerilla drive was launched at midnight last Tuesday by seven Japanese detachments deployed along an 80-kilometre semi-circular line on the Pootung peninsula south-east of Shanghai across the Whangpoo River.

Two prisoners were taken, while 342 guerillas were slain, according to the correspondent of the "Shanghai Mainichi," who also followed the Japanese troops. Booty taken included 56 rifles, 10,134 rounds of ammunition, 35 bayonets, 22 hand grenades, three stretchers, one revolver, one machine-gun of Czech manufacture, and three Chinese big swords. Japanese losses totalled one killed and eight wounded. Among the latter was an officer, the "Mainichi's" correspondent said.

Gentry Evacuated

Rather than remain to be subject to the depredations of the irregulars, said to be acting in the name of the Chinese Nationalist Government, the well-to-do gentry of Pootung have evacuated the area, the "Nippo's" correspondent wrote. In Sincheng and in Fengsien in particular, most large houses had been vacated and boarded up. That these towns were abandoned a long time ago was indicated by the dust covering the furniture in those houses, the correspondent added.

The irregulars, who include bandits and loafers, are estimated at about 6,000. They had bases at Sincheng, Nanhwei and Fengsien.

These points, as well as other villages in Pootung were captured by the Japanese forces by Saturday, when the drive was completed, the correspondents said.

Not Ended, Say Chinese

It would appear that Shanghai will have another "lone battalion" as a source of inspiration because, according to Chinese evening reports yesterday, there are 600 guerillas still fighting in the war-ravaged walled district of Nanhwei despite fierce attacks repeatedly launched by the Japanese in their attempt to wipe out all guerillas on the peninsula. According to the reports the attempt has so far not been successful.

This new "lone battalion" is being led by two men, Colonels Yu Tao-sen and Li Wen-yuan, who will not give in. The Japanese forces, it is admitted, have occupied some bordering areas of the district but the city itself remains in the hands of the guerillas. The Japanese are said to be lacking artillery, without which no effective attacks can be made against the guerillas. The rain during the past two days rendered it impossible for the Japanese to use aeroplanes as they did the last week, it is stated.

Fighting is still in progress in many villages in Pootung, some of which have been reduced to piles of debris and many civilians are reported to have been killed.

Chinese Yochow Offensive

Chungking, Dec. 19.

The Chinese started an offensive in the region of Yochow, according to the "Ta Kung Pao" today. The Chinese have advanced as far as six kilometres from Yochow, the report claims which adds that the Japanese are fortifying their defence positions in and outside Yochow. The "Ta Kung Pao" opines that the number of Japanese at Yochow is too small to resist the Chinese so that they will have either to retreat or to receive reinforcements within the next few days.

Further reports speak of attacks by Chinese irregulars on Hwangchow, east of Hankow. Details are lacking but the Chinese claim that the irregulars reached the vicinity of the town and that the Japanese had to ask for reinforcements.

The Japanese troop concentrations on the West River, west of Canton, are giving more freedom of action to the Chinese north and east of the Kwangtung capital.

The expected Japanese push into Kwangsi province has not yet taken place, the only indication of such intentions being Japanese troop concentrations near Samshui.—Trans-Ocean.

Offensive at Hangchow

Chungking, Dec. 19.

With the distribution of the Chinese troops completed ready for the new strategy of "entire area" warfare, in which the control of whole areas, rather than points or lines, will be attempted, it is understood that the Chinese forces in Chekiang and Anhwei are shortly to launch an offensive against the Japanese at Hangchow.

Chinese guerilla forces are reported to be most active on the Kiao-tsi Railway, which runs between Tsingtao and Tsinan. Guerilla bands are also reported to be attacking the railway in the vicinity of Lingtze, Sintieng and Chinling.—Reuter.

U.S. Prepares Vast Rally of Naval Power in Caribbean

Greatest Combined Manœuvres in History of Fleet Announced for February Till April

Washington, Dec. 18.

THE United States will mass the greatest concentration of naval fighting strength in its history this winter in the Caribbean for the Navy's annual manœuvres, naval officials announced today. The Navy's combined Atlantic and Pacific forces will assemble in February and remain together until April for a demonstration of the power and efficiency of the nation's "first line of defence." Many believed today that this demonstration was intended as a warning against any possible Fascist invasion of the western hemisphere.

In May the fleet will assemble again in New York for the opening of the World's Fair there. Added significance was given the manœuvres by reports that President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who recently enunciated the policy of Pan-American defence, would personally review the fleet in New York.

It was learned today that the fleet's movements during the manœuvres would cover the entire Caribbean and the South Atlantic Ocean, at least as far south as the Equator. Guantanamo Bay, a U.S. naval base near the eastern end of the island of Cuba, was to serve as the base of operations.

The entire United States fleet will probably be divided into two attacking and defending units, in order to test the efficacy of the Navy in protecting Central American areas from a theoretical invader.

The manœuvres are also expected to aid in forming plans for the defense of the vitally strategic Panama Canal from attack coming from the east.

Emphasis on Air Defences

Navy Department sources today disclosed that special emphasis would be placed this year on air defences, with the heaviest concentration of planes and aircraft carriers in the history of the Navy. It was revealed that between 700 and 800 planes, as well as five aircraft carriers would take part in the manœuvres.

The planes are expected to fly from bases at Norfolk, Virginia, and San Diego as well as from Coco Solo in the Panama Canal Zone to join the fleet in its operations. Two new aircraft carriers, the Enterprise and the Yorktown, will see manœuvres service for the first time. Each ship carries eighty planes.

The new Atlantic Squadron, established after the war crisis in Europe during the early autumn, will participate in general manœuvres for the first time.

Large Personnel Involved

A total of more than 160 surface ships and a score of submarines, with 60,000 enlisted men and some 3,800 officers are expected to see duty in these tactical operations. This force will include twelve heavy battleships, nine light cruisers, sixty destroyers, sixteen heavy scouting cruisers, fourteen training battleships, twelve training destroyers and numerous supply, hospital and ammunition ships and tankers.

The fleet is expected to sail from the West Coast early in January for the Caribbean, where it will be joined by the Atlantic Squadron. The Fleet problem will be conducted in February, while exercises will be held in March and April, all with Guantanamo Bay as a base.

The naval forces will conclude the manœuvres before May when they will head for New York for the World's Fair, making a stop-over at Norfolk, Virginia, en route. Following the review in New York the Pacific Fleet will return to the West Coast and the Atlantic Squadron will resume its location off the eastern seaboard of the United States.

Admiral Claude C. Bloch, Commander-in-Chief of the Battle Force, will generally supervise the manœuvres. The opposing fleets will probably be commanded by Vice Admiral Edward C. Kalbfus and Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews.

Combined on One Problem

Navy officials said today that this year's manœuvres would not be divided into separate parts as last year's were, but would be combined under one general problem, obviously the defence of the South Atlantic and Caribbean coast lines.

Naval experts regard the defence of the Caribbean area as being imperative to the security of the United States because the area commands the eastern entrance to the Panama Canal. Moreover, the eastern coast of the United States and much of South America would be accessible to any enemy naval force with a base established in the Caribbean.

Thus it was contended by experts here that this year's manœuvres would assume vital significance as a test of whether America can defend her own "back door" against possible European prowlers.—United Press.

"Gibraltar of Pacific"

New York, Dec. 19.

Hawaii will become the "Gibraltar of the Pacific" if the programme for the renovation of the island's defences is passed by Congress at its next session, the Washington correspondent of the "New York Herald Tribune" reported today.

From a defence point of view, the Navy Department is to present a programme providing for the renovation of naval and air bases.

Furthermore, the programme includes improvements in the irrigation system of arid areas and the establishment of model farms under Government control to regulate harvests.

Referring to the Atlantic coast, the correspondent stated that the programme for the strengthening of defences there will cost about $4,000,000.—Havas.

World Naval Race Well on Way

Japan Leads Battleship Building; Britain Has Imposing List of Ships

London, Dec. 19.

An imposing list of British warships now under construction is given in the new edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships," which has just been issued. They include five battleships, five aircraft carries, eighteen cruisers, 32 destroyers, and fifteen submarines.

No official information is available regarding the battleships, H.M.S. Lion and Temeraire, which were expected to be laid down about March, 1939. It is believed, however, that the new battleships will be armed with 16-inch guns.

The five battleships now under construction are unofficially stated to be armed with ten 14-inch guns each. It is officially reported that their design will include much improved defences against air attacks.

France's building programme, according to the famous "naval directory," includes four battleships, each mounting eight 15-inch guns, two aircraft carriers, three cruisers, 32 destroyers, four torpedo boats, and 24 submarines.

Germany's, Russia's Fleets

"Jane's" gives Germany's new capital construction as three battleships, each mounting eight 15-inch guns, and it is believed that a fourth is projected.

Italy is stated to be building four battleships, twelve cruisers, ten destroyers, ten torpedo boats, and at least thirty submarines.

With regard to Japan, it is stated that four battleships are projected, two of which are reported to have been laid down in 1938.

They are believed to displace 40,000 tons each, and to be armed with eight or nine 16-inch guns.

It is stated that "independent evidence goes far to support Japanese reports that the Soviet fleet, based on Vladivostok, includes 70 submarines, and fifty motor torpedo boats."

The book states that three Soviet battleships, each displacing 35,000 tons, are projected, and that they will be armed with nine 16-inch guns each.—Reuter.

Japan Leads in Battleships

London, Dec. 18.

Germany, Japan and Soviet Russia are today engaged in a secret battleship building race of unprecedented proportions, the 1939 issue of "Jane's Fighting Ships of the World" revealed today.

The journal declared that the Japanese were leading in this race, with four projected "super" battleships exceeding 40,000 tons, two of which were reported as having been laid down during 1938.

The handbook stated that all nations throughout the world were participating in the biggest naval race since 1919, with at least 25 battleships under construction or authorized. Soviet Russia, according to the journal, claims the most formidable submarine fleet in the world, of which more than half were stationed at Vladivostok, within easy striking distance of Japanese waters.

It asserted that the United States' naval building programme was slowly proceeding in the heavier categories but that good progress had been made with the new 10,000 ton light cruisers, all of which had been completed.

It was also disclosed that the Spanish Nationalists' navy had received four destroyers and two submarines from Italy.—United Press.

Japanese Reading More Foreign Literature

British and U.S. Books And Papers Lead Lists

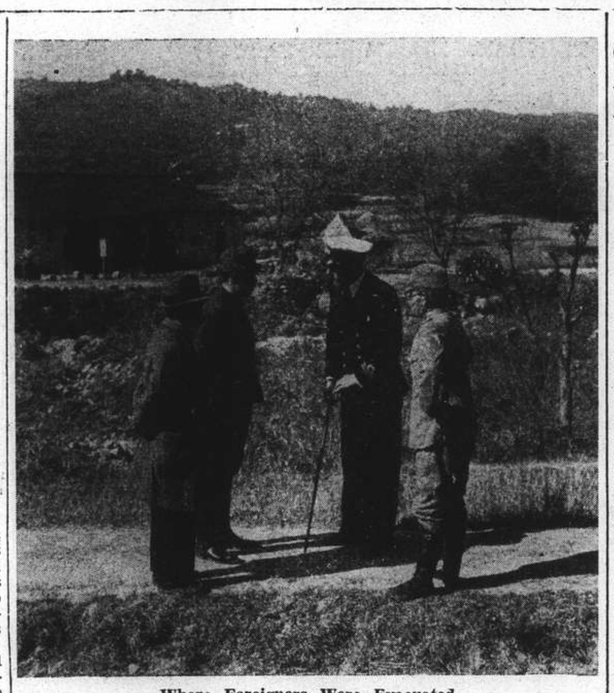
Tokyo, Dec. 19.

American and British publications continued to top the list of foreign books, magazines and newspapers imported during the first eight months of this year, according to figures compiled by the Finance Ministry. An increase of 347,000 copies over the corresponding period in 1937 was shown in literature imports.

Magazines and newspapers were found to predominate the list of 3,912,000 pieces of printed matter imported between January to August inclusive. This was said to reflect the government's thrift encouragement campaign as a drastic drop of the costlier books formerly imported was registered.

English-language publications totalling 1,057,000 pieces showed a decrease of 210,000 copies while Chinese printed matter jumped 197,000 pieces for a total of 438,000 volumes.

German publications, reflecting the effect of the anti-Comintern pact, picked up by 33,000 issues for a total of 336,000 while French-language periodicals were listed at 141,000, followed by acceptable literature from the Soviet Union at 7,000 copies.—Domei.



Where Foreigners Were Evacuated

Lieut. J. B. Cox, Executive Officer of H.M.S. Cockchafer, photographed with Japanese Army officers behind the Japanese lines at Lushan. Lieut. Cox escorted the 41 foreigners from Kuling to the bottom of the mountain through Chinese and Japanese lines.

Singapore Base Strengthened

"Back Door" Closed to Any Possible Attacks; R.A.F. Units Increased

Singapore, Dec. 19.

Important strategic additions to Great Britain's Far Eastern defence pattern are planned for Malaya by the Royal Air Force, Reuter understands on reliable authority.

This is in conformity with the known plan of protecting the fortress of Singapore from "back door" attacks, from the north or east.

The new preparations, Reuter understands, not only exist on paper, but are already nearing completion.

Although details cannot be divulged, it can be stated that, in the near future, air units will be stationed permanently on the Malay Peninsula, and at other places where they can most effectively "close the back door," and, at the same time, occupy a comparatively secure position.

As part of the Empire's new creed of "Re-arm for Peace," Reuter understands, Singapore's defences are thus taking another jump ahead of possible attackers, and strategists, it is stated, will be impressed by the increasing strength of Singapore as a defensive base.

Work is also reported to be proceeding on the two new military landing fields on Singapore Island.

The field at Tengah, on the western side of the Island, is practically ready for occupation by an R.A.F. squadron, and good progress is being made with the Sembawang landing field, not far from the air base at Seletar.—Reuter.

Manila Chinese Told to Support Gen. Chiang

Mr. Kuangson Young Speaks To Boy Scouts Rally

Manila, Dec. 19.

Dr. C. Kuangson Young today assumed his new duties as Chinese Consul-General in Manila.

In a brief speech delivered upon assuming his office Dr. Young said that the world was beginning to realize the untenable position Japan had reached in China.

"Time and space are allies of China," he declared. "Buttressed by determination, unity and the endurance of her people, China's ability to last longer than her adversary is now realized by foreigners in China and abroad."

Referring to the credits recently granted China by the United States, he said that they were "concrete proof of the American people's confidence in the future of China."

Dr. Young predicted that other nations would follow the lead given by the United States in granting credits to the Chinese Government.

The new Consul-General was warm in his praise of foreign sympathizers who have been contributing to the care of Chinese refugees. He cited particularly the Lord Mayor's Fund in England, which had contributed more than £150,000, in addition to large quantities of medical supplies.

Dr. Young said that at present he was spending most of his time conferring with the leaders of the Chinese community in Manila to obtain at first-hand knowledge of his new job.

On Saturday Dr. Young spoke to 500 Chinese Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, uring them to propagate the New Life Movement and do all they could to support General Chiang Kai-shek.—United Press.

Henderson Here on December 30

Marine Replacements for Shanghai

The U.S. Navy transport Henderson arrives off Woosung on December 30 enroute from the United States by way of Guam and the Philippines.

Aboard this ship are approximately 70 marine replacements who are coming from the Philippines, Guam and the United States for duty with the 4th Regiment. About the same number of marines, their foreign duty having expired, will leave the 4th Regiment for the United States when the Henderson departs from Shanghai for her return trip.

Italy, Reich Join in Suez Agitation

Memorandum to Criticize High Dues Payable

Genoa, Dec. 19.

Italian and German shipping interests are drafting a memorandum, to submit to their respective Governments, regarding the question of the Suez Canal, it is understood in business circles here.

The memorandum, it is stated, will give figures of Italian and German traffic through the canal, set forth technical facts, and critize the high canal dues.

Italian and German shipping circles recently considered the possibility of taking the Cape route to the East, but it was decided that this was only practicable for ships travelling to and from Australia.—Reuter.

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Junk Woman Brings Killer to Book

Instigator of Murder in District Court

Tang Yung-ching who was recently brought before the Second Special District Court and charged with murder in connection with the killing six years ago of his alleged accomplice, an opium smuggler, following a dispute over the question of distribution of opium money has now been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. Tang has signified his wish to appeal against the judgment.

Tang, it will be recalled, was trapped unexpectedly on October 23 when travelling in a junk from Pootung where he had been hiding. He was discovered to be the instigator of the crime by the wife of one of the sentenced men who rowed the boat. The alert junk woman kept quiet until her boat reached the French Bund where she told her story to the French police who effected Tang's arrest.

The junk woman's husband, Tao Yung-chang, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment long ago, charged with the murder, and since her husband's imprisonment the woman has been rowing boats to earn her living. Charged with the same crime, another man named Hsu Chang-Yuan was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment.

The murder was committed in a house in Rue des Deux Republiques where the victim Tsao Ah-kwong was playing mah jongg with some friends on June 28, 1933. Tang and the two other sentenced men broke into the room and opened fire, killing Tsao outright. They escaped but Tao and Hsu were arrested later. It was revealed in court that all of them were members of an opium smuggling gang operating along the French Bund and that they were angry with their victim because he had "squeezed" $3,000 opium money.

Italy Launches New Destroyer

Spezia, Dec. 18.

The new Italian destroyer, Lanciere, was launched here this afternoon.—Havas.

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Chemicals on Fire In Steamer Hold

Customs and Settlement Brigades Battle Flames In Japanese Vessel

The combined forces of the Settlement and the Harbour Fire Bridges early yesterday morning battled what might have developed into a serious fire on board the N.Y.K. steamship Tatuno Maru, at the company's Wayside wharf.

The flames were first observed in the No. 4 hold of the freighter at about 7 a.m. Shortly after 8.15, the Customs firefloat Poochi and the Settlement Fire Brigade were summoned, and when fire crews arrived at the wharf they found that various chemicals were on fire in the hold and were sending forth dense clouds of fumes. The burning cargo 'tween-decks consisted largely of ferro-silicon, calcium carbide and sodium sulphate.

Mr. W. J. Gorman, Chief Fire Officer of the Harbour Brigade, and the officers in charge of the Settlement detachments directed the subsequent operations which consisted in removing burning sacks of chemicals and transferring them to the wharf, and extinguishing all traces of fire in the hold. After a half hour the blaze was completely under control. The chief danger which was averted was explosion due to water coming in contact with some of the chemicals.

The crews from Yangtszepoo Station of the S.F.B. were able to leave the scene at about 9.30 o'clock. The Poochi returned to her berth off The Bund at 11 o'clock. Neither sailors nor firefighters were overcome in the course of the operations.

Damage to the Tatuno Maru from flames and water was negligible, and the cargo itself suffered but little. The steamer's gross tonnage is 6,961. She had arrived in port from Osaka on December 16, and was discharging her cargo when the fire started. The origin of the blaze had not been determined at a late hour yesterday, an investigation still proceeding.

More than 300 Chinese soldiers were given a rousing send-off from Nanchang, Kiangsi, when they left for the war front on December 18, says the "Wen Wei Pao." The men were recently discharged from the military hospitals there following their recovery from wounds.

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Former Soviet Officials Of Ukraine Denounced

Men Now Accused of Being "Despicable Traitors"

Moscow, Dec. 18.

M. Ousenko, First Secretary for the Ukrainian Komsomols, and others, members of the Central Committee Bureau, who were denounced last November as "enemies of the people," were asserted here today to have formed a "despicable clique of traitors to the country, degenerated Fascists, Trotzkyists, Bukharinites and nationalist bourgeois."

The Central Committee of the Ukrainian Komsomols, which met recently, has in the meantime excluded five more of its members from its list because of "lack of political vigilance." Yet a sixth man was deposed because of relations with "enemies of the people."

M. Khomenko has now been elected First Secretary for the Ukrainian Komsomols.—Havas.

CHINESE reports state that an acting Governor of Hunan province has been appointed, thereby enabling General Chang Chih-chung, the present Governor, to "tour different parts of the province."

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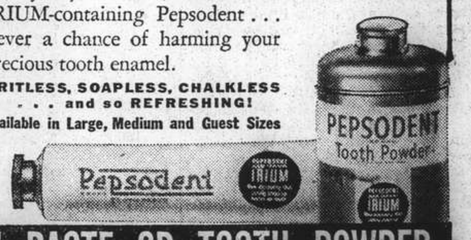

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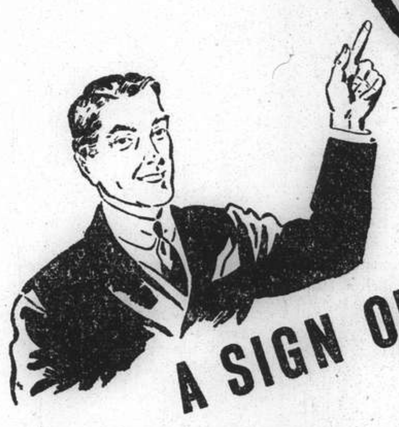

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THE Shanghai Municipal Council has been notified that Mr. I. Spilwanek, Consul-General for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, has resumed charge of the U.S.S.R. Consulate-General.

COMMANDER L. Neyrone, Italian Consul-General in Shanghai, arrived on Sunday night aboard the N.Y.K. liner Taiyo Maru. He is proceeding to Tokyo on official business. Also aboard the liner were Mrs. S. Hidaka, wife of the former Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai.

OVERSEAS Chinese remittances are expected to total $600,000,000 by the end of the year, according to local financial circles, says the "Ta Mei Pao." They aggregated $300,000,000 by June last, and more than $500,000,000 by the end of November last, the report adds.

VICE-Admiral Dr. Minoru Hiraga, professor emeritus of Tokyo Imperial University, has consented to accept the appointment as president of the institution, Domei learned. Gen. Baron Sadao Araki, Japanese Minister of Education, will seek the Cabinet's approval to the appointment.

No exports of eggs or egg products to the occupied areas will be permitted by the Chinese military authorities, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." In consequence fewer eggs are being exported into Shanghai from Chekiang province and local egg merchants are now replenishing their supplies from northern Kiangsu.

FOR the first time in history, an original Japanese radio play will be broadcast in French when Mr. Yuzo Yamamoto's "In the Mist" goes on the air in Paris shortly. The play translated into esperanto in 1931 has been broadcast in that "international" language on two occasions once in Tokyo in 1931 and once in Paris.

THE Music Department of the University of Shanghai will give a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 22 at 5 p.m. in Union Church, S. Soochow Road, corner of Yuen Ming Yuen Road. The programme is being given especially for students of the University and their friends but other guests are welcome. No tickets or invitation cards are necessary for admission.

A VERY enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Sinclair, 31 Amherst Avenue, when they were hosts at a cocktail and buffet supper party. Mr. Sinclair, who is a director of the China Printing and Finishing Company, entertained members of his staff and friends. After supper was served, dancing was enjoyed to an orchestra, until the early hours.

To the distinguished company of Japan's Valhalla will soon be added the name of a 24-year-old officer, whose exploits as a commander of a tank unit, are officially regarded in Tokyo to embody the ideals of a warrior. He is Capt. Kojiro Nishizumi, who was mortally wounded by a Chinese sniper's bullet on May 17 during the attack on Hsuchow. He was posthumously raised one grade in rank from a lieutenant.

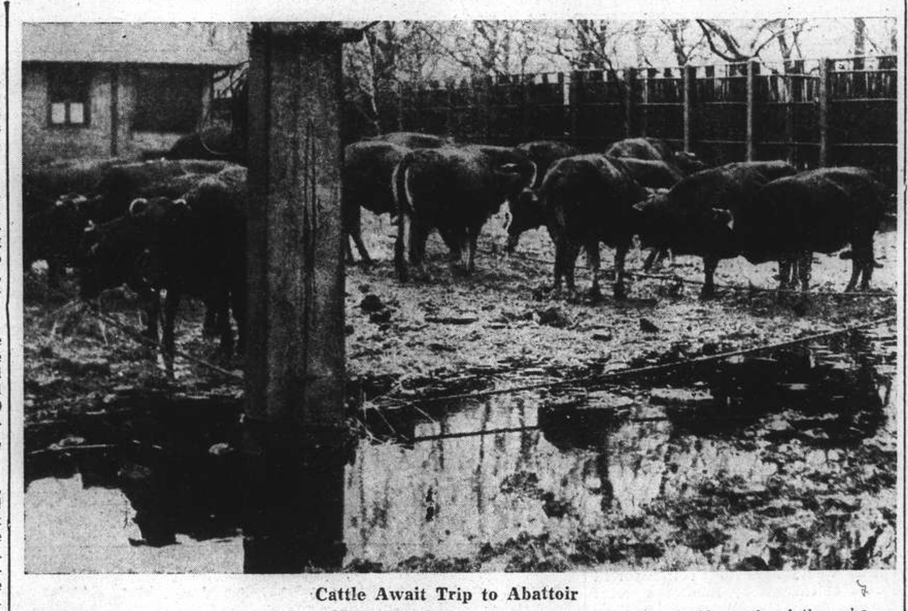
A RUMANIAN lady, Mlle. Jeanne Lahovary, niece of a well-known politician, was almost burned to death in Bucharest on Sunday night when she lit her cigarette and accidentally set her dress aflame. Willing rescuers rushed to her aid and put out the blaze, but she was nevertheless seriously burned. Her escort, Colonal Vulturescu, apparently overwelmed by the accident, committed suicide shortly after upon returning to his home.

THE Easter Term of St. Giles British School, Tsingtao, will commence on Friday, January 20, 1939. Mr. B. G. Inge, the headmaster, is now in Shanghai and will be glad to interview parents and others interested in the School, which accepts pupils from the ages of 6 to 17 years. Mr. Inge may be seen every morning from 10 to 11 until Friday next on the 6th floor of the "North-China Daily News" office, whence correspondence may be addressed.

"DIET and Health," the first of a series of four illustrated lectures on the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Lecture and Forum Programme, will be held at the Association this evening at 9 o'clock. Dr. Bernard E. Read, head of the Department of Physiological Sciences at the Henry Lester Institute of Medical Research, will be the speaker. This lecture and the three subsequent ones dealing with diet, the nutritional values of fruits and vegetables, and kindred subjects of concern to the individual should be of particular interest. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

THIRTY-five years ago on Saturday, two young brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, pushed an awkward looking contraption down the beach at Kill Devil Hill, N. Carolina, and poised it at an advantageous spot and solemnly told gaping onlookers they believed the machine would fly. Two Coast Guardsmen were present that day and they lent a helping hand to the brothers. The Wright brothers made the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine and made aviation history. These two veteran Coast Guardsmen, Capt. John T. Daniels and Capt. Adam Etheridge, coined the world in paying homage to the inventors who gave wings to man.

A PROVISIONAL list of persons qualified to vote at the election of members of Council and the annual meeting of ratepayers is published as a special issue of the "Municipal Gazette" today. This list has been revised and corrected to date. In order that the final voting list may be as complete and accurate as possible ratepayers whose names are omitted from the list are requested to communicate as early as possible with the Deputy Treasurer—Revenue, Revenue Office, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road (Telephone 12810 Extension 27.) Ratepayers are warned that the names of any persons or firms who are in default in the payment of rates and taxes for the year 1938 will be excluded from the final voting list to be published in March 1939. Those concerned are accordingly advised to make prompt payment of the dues in question.



Cattle Await Trip to Abattoir

An open space on Rue Voyron is all that is at the disposal of some 50 to 80 cattle daily who patiently await their turn for their trip to the abattoir. No shed and drinking water has so far been made available for them although it is understood that the Concession authorities have now definitely decided on the construction of temporary huts which will protect these animals from the elements, whilst fresh water will also be available.

Poor Conditions in Cattle Lairage

F.M.C. Agrees to Construct Temporary Huts for Animals Destined for Abattoir

Adding to the difficult problems with which the authorities of the French Concession have to cope since the outbreak of hostilities here last year, is the task to find ways and means of making available suitable sites for the keeping of animals destined for the slaughter-house which however arrive in Shanghai a day or two too early and consequently have to be kept somewhere.

Upon the request of the livestock merchants association, the French authorities therefore allocated a piece of land for the purpose which is situated behind the P.W.D. depot on Rue Dollfus.

Conditions under which the cattle, ranging from 50 to 80 per day, are being kept there, have come to the notice of the Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which in turn approached the French Council with a view to improving on existing conditions.

No shelter has been supplied and these animals are consequently exposed to rain and cold. The ground is very muddy and the only drinking water available is rain-water. Puddles all over the large tract of land make it dangerous to walk for the coolies who presumably have been engaged by the merchants to look after the needs of the animals.

Approached by a representative of the "North-China Daily News" yesterday afternoon, a high official of the French Council said that the cruel manner in which these animals were being treated had come to the notice of the Council a few days ago through a letter from the S.S.P.C.A. The matter was immediately investigated and orders have already been given to erect temporary huts wherein the animals may be kept over night and on rainy days.

"We are not in a position to build elaborate stables" the official continued, "because this would involve an outlay of large sums of money. In view of the fact that the present state of affairs has been brought about by prevailing conditions—which may change within a number of months—it would also be unwise to go to any considerable expense."

"I have already given instructions for the construction of temporary huts which I believe to be adequate in affording the requisite shelter for the animals. The supply of fresh water has also been arranged and constructional work on the huts is to begin in the very near future."

Previous to the outbreak of hostilities, the animals were usually kept in Nantao and other outlying districts until they made their final trip to the slaughter house. Since these districts have since been cut off however, the animals are unloaded from the various steamers which bring them from nearby villages, and are taken to this lairage.

As a rule, they remain there for a day or two, although occasionally they are left there for a week or more prior to being killed. They are fed at the expense of the merchants who also have their own attendants there guarding the cows.

Curfew Waived for Holidays

The Japanese naval spokesman stated yesterday that the Japanese naval authorities had waived the curfew regulations north of the Soochow Creek, inside the Settlement limits on the nights of December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, for third party nationals only.

Fire Sweeps Pharmacy In Nanking Road

Llewellyn's Damaged by Early Morning Flames

The pharmacy of Messrs. J. Llewellyn & Company, 151 Nanking Road, was the scene of a fire before daylight yesterday, the front part of the shop and contents being badly damaged.

An alarm was sounded at 4.03 a.m., and engines from Central Fire Station responded. The firemen spent an hour at the scene. The flames caused serious damage to the front window anl to goods stored in the part of the pharmacy near that window.

Pistol Seized at Scene Of $1,000 Robbery

A member of a gang of robbers dropped a pistol in the course of a looting in Lane 740, Hart Road, yesterday morning. Five men entered the house, a Chinese residence, at 7 o'clock and obtained some $1,000 in bank-notes, and various household effects. The gang escaped, but a pistol left by one of them was recovered by the Police. No shots were fired.

Fourth Marines' Christmas Plans

Dinners for 160 Children To be Provided ; 70 Blind Kiddies Included

Illustrating the real goodwill spirit of Christmas the Fourth United States Marines have made arrangements to celebrate their Yuletide by bringing joy to others for they will provide sumptuous Christmas dinners for 160 children, among whom are included 70 blind children.

At the Headquarters Mess, Hart and Sinza Roads compound, a Christmas dinner will be provided for 30 children of St. Olga's Orphanage under the spuervision of Lieut. Walseth, on Christmas Day. On December 23, 70 children from the Blind Institute who are at present living at St. Luke's Hospital, will be served with a dinner at noon. The arrangements were made by Mr. Fryer of the Blind School, co-operating with Lieut. Johnson.

At the Second Battalion Mess, under the direction of the Mess Officer, Lieut. Funk, a Christmas dinner will be delivered to 60 Russian refugee children on Christmas Day. At the Fourth Marines Club a party will be held for the children of enlisted men of the Regiment in the library at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and it is planned to have a member of the Regiment to act as Santa Claus.

A Christmas tree will be installed outside the Bubbling Well Road Club which will be accompanied by a "Merry Xmas" sign as well. Egg-nogs are to be served to the members of the Regiment at both branches of the Club on Christmas Day from 12 to 6 p.m.

The Club will also hold a New Year's Eve Homegoing Dance on the night of December 31 at the Club ballroom. This event will be by invitation and will enable the men of the Regiment to entertain some of their civilian friends.

Burma Will Check Civil Disobedience

Rangoon, Dec. 19.

To meet a threatened civil disobedience campaign, the Government has issued a communique announcing its decision to take "all necessary measures" effectively to check the present campaign of "civil disobedience and general lawlessness."—Reuter.

Gang Charged with Extortion

Sing Song Girl Victimised On Opium Finding

On suspicion that they extorted money from victims by posing as police detectives, a Russian named Boris Konaiff and three Chinese were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention. Two other Chinese were arrested last week in connection with the same case and they will all be heard next week.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the detained men rrecently collected $120 from a sing song girl in Wai Lo Alley, Foochow Road, as hush money by posing as police detectives searching for opium. It so happened, it was alleged, some opium was actually found in the possession of the girl and therefore at the suggestion given allegedly by the Russian accused the money was paid. The Russian at first demanded $5,000, it was revealed by the prosecution.

The police have requested the court to postpone the hearing believing that they might be involved in other similar cases, it being alleged that the same men might have recently victimized a resident at 32 Yen Ching Alley, Amoy Road and a Mr. Tso in Chungking Road from whom they obtained $800 by playing the same trick.

While all the detained Chinese are loafers, the Russian is said to be a salesman of a studio in Bubbling Well Road where he was arrested.

Ballroom Hostess and Ex-Bank Clark Dead

Double Suicide of Chinese In Hotel Discovered

An attractive Chinese girl who had been working as a dancing partner in a well-known ballroom downtown was found dead with an admirer, a former bank clerk, in a room at the Paramount Hotel early yesterday morning. Both had succumbed to the effects of poison taken, apparently, as the result of a "suicide pact."

The young couple had engaged the room on Sunday. They were discovered, unconscious, at about 4.45 a.m. yesterday and taken in an ambulance to the Chinese Red Cross Hospital, Avenue Haig. There they were both pronounced dead.

An inquest will be held at the Public Mortuary today by the Procurator of the First Special District Court.

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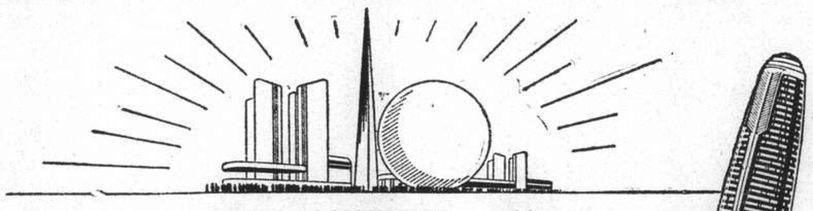
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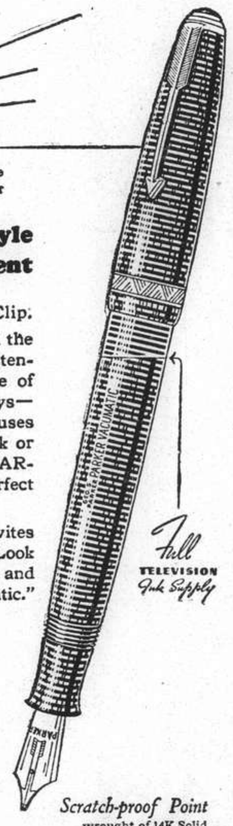
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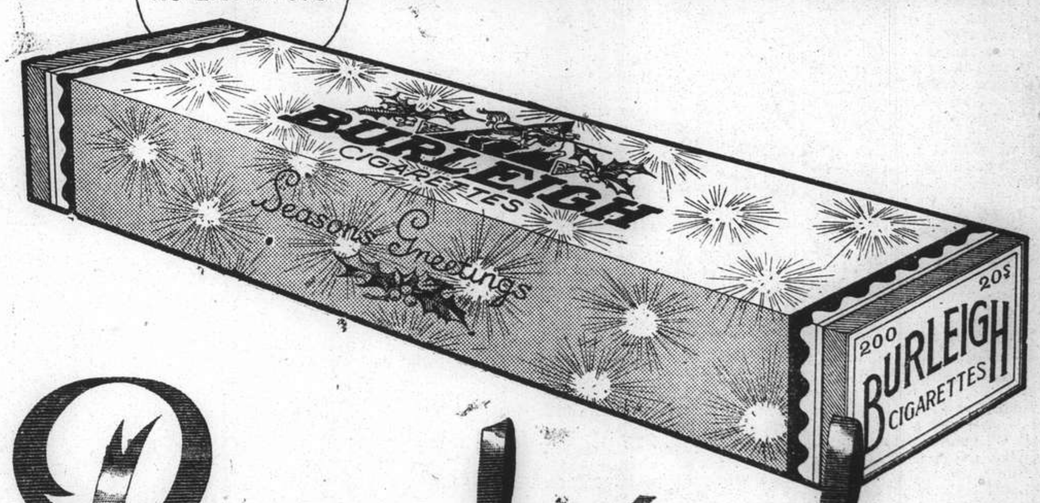

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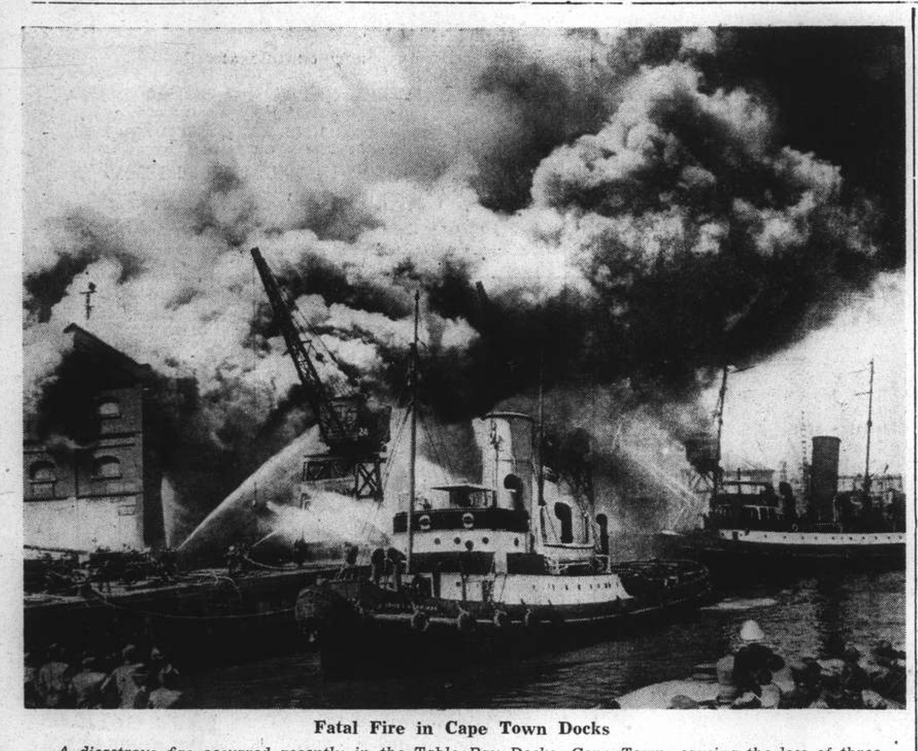

Fatal Fire in Cape Town Docks

A disastrous fire occurred recently in the Table Bay Docks, Cape Town, causing the loss of three lives and damage to the extent of £25,000. The picture shows the fire at its height, with busy firefloats pouring tons of water on the blaze.

A "Sucker" in New York

Confidence Trick which Failed to Work on British Visitor; Game of Matching Coins

Having spent several weeks in the United States on his return from furlough enjoyed in England and the Continent, Mr. W. Lewisohn, Peiping correspondent of the "North-China Daily News," has written a series of articles giving his impressions of America. The first was published in these columns on December 7, the third will appear in an early issue.

As I said at the beginning that I was giving a description of my own personal experiences and impressions, I think I ought to interrupt the story of my travels in order to give an account of a strange, but not unamusing, encounter that I had with a couple of "con" men in New York. I am not proud of this incident, although quite undeservedly I ended $1 to the good.

Nor do I retail it as a warning to others, because I cannot conceive that anyone would have been quite so blind as I was. But it is a pleasant and perhaps unique little story, in that the very stupidity which caused me to fall into the trap brought me out of it again unplucked.

While I was sitting in the lounge of my hotel reading the morning paper, a stoutish, highly respectable-looking elderly gentleman, came and sat down in the chair next to me. He was dressed in a quiet well-cut suit of grey and wore gold-rimmed spectacles: anyone more respectable it would be hard to imagine. Indeed, he bore a strong resemblance to a certain friend of mine in Peiping.

At first conversation languished, as I answered rather disjointedly, being more interested in my paper; but after a time we became more confiding, and he informed me that he was a Canadian, that his name was Compton, and that he was spending a few days sight-seeing in New York, on his way to Vancouver to say good-bye to his brother who was employed in the Shell Company in Hongkong and was sailing in the Empress of Japan, on which ship I happened to be travelling too.

Now, wasn't that a strange coincidence? (Well, no, it wasn't. For he had no doubt previously inspected the labels on my luggage, and if I had been less absorbed in the European situation, I might have smelt a rat, and our acquaintance might have ended there and then. But, to tell the truth, I only listened to him with half an ear.

Seeing the Sights

He asked me what I was doing in the afternoon. I said I was going on a sight-seeing tour, whereupon he expressed a wish to accompany me to which I gave a very languid assent. I then went out to lunch and promptly forgot all about him. When I got back to the hotel I found him waiting for me in the hall. He at once came up to me and said that the sightseeing bus did not start for another hour or more. (This was a very lucky shot of his, for as it happened I had not made any enquiries myself, nor did I go up to the hotel desk).

He then said that he must call round at a hat shop where he had ordered a hat that morning. And, indeed, the hat he was wearing did look a bit shabby and out of keeping with the rest of his smart apparel. Would I come along?

As we went out, he mentioned that he was staying at the hotel, giving the number of his room as the one next to mine,—another "coincidence" that again failed to excite my attention. As we walked along we discussed England and Canada quite intelligently.

We had not gone very far when a youngish fellow with a strong American accent accosted us and asked us the way to the Walton Hotel. I replied that we were strangers, and looked up the hotel in the guide-book I was carrying, but not unnaturally could not find it.

Youth from Alabama

Our new acquaintance then walked along with us and proceeded to give us his life story. He was from Alabama and had just put through some land deal on behalf of his sister and was sticking to half the proceeds with which he was having a good time in New York. In the course of this long, rambling story he made himself out to be half-fool, half-crook, no doubt expecting to excite my cupidity. But as I hardly troubled to listen to all his talk, this part of the plan missed fire completely. Finally he said "Look here, you fellows are strangers here in New York. So I just want to warn you against picking up a girl in the streets." Then he launched into another long yarn of how he had picked up a girl and when he wanted to pay her $5 found he had only a $20 bill which he gave her to change for him and with which she promptly made off.

By this time I had come to the conclusion that the young fellow was not only a dreadful bore, but also a crook as well. And I was intent on warning my "Canadian" friend against him, as he appeared to be becoming much too friendly with him. What then was my annoyance when the "Canadian" said laughingly "Oh, that couldn't happen to us in Canada!" "What do you mean, couldn't happen to you?" asked the other. "Why, I'd have matched her." said the "Canadian."

Here they were again out of luck. For as I happened to know what "matching" means it failed to elicit any of the excited questions they had expected. I remained silent, and they were forced to carry on the dialogue about matching between themselves.

Matching Game

We had meanwhile turned up a side street. Here the "Canadian" stopped and taking a couple of cent pieces showed the other how matching was done. "Ah, get along with you," said the young fellow, "You can't fool me that way. Any sucker could beat you at that game. Its all baloney." "You think so?" said the "Canadian" "Let's try."

They matched, and, of course, the "Canadian" won, and the other handed him a dollar. They matched a second time with the same result, and the young fellow walked off a few yards, as if in a huff. I had watched these proceedings with only a very languid interest and in a very detached frame of mind.

It is true that so far I had signally failed to play the role of sucker that they had allotted for me; but then, on the other hand, neither did I show the slightest signs of intelligence or suspicion. Thereupon the "Canadian" buttonholed me saying "Look here, that fellow is not only a fool but a crook as well. You heard what he said about his sister's property. We ought to teach him a lesson." I disclaimed any interest in teaching anybody a lesson, and expressed the view very forcibly that if anybody was taught a lesson, it would be himself, and that he would lose his money.

Challenged

Meanwhile the young fellow came back to us, and challenged us both to match. I refused, but the "Canadian" insisted "Just for fun," put a cent in my hand and before I could do anything they matched and, needless to say, I won—at least so they said—and handed me over a couple of dollars, which I promptly pocketed intending to give back the "Canadian" his when we got back to the hotel.

We walked on some way, the two of them still discussing the "game," and turned up another side street. Here the young fellow challenged us once more, saying there was something funny about this matching. The "Canadian" was willing, but I was utterly bored with the whole affair and firmly refused. Thereupon he became quite nasty, saying that I was not a gentleman or words to that effect and adding. "That's just like you Britishers. You never play fair, why, you don't even pay your War Debts." This was certainly a blunder on his part, if he hoped to continue the game! for it at last roused me to a semblance of life.

Desire to Arbitrate

There was a policeman standing at the bottom of the street. So handing back the fellow his dollar I said. "I don't want your money. But for the rest, let's go and ask that cop there to arbitrate." That ended the business, and the young fellow hastily departed. Then turning to the "Canadian" who had stood by in silence I suggested that we get on with the business of finding his hat shop.

As we walked along I lectured him, still in perfect good faith, on the folly of picking up chance acquaintances in the streets of strange cities. With equal solemnity he assured me that he was not to be caught so easily. We had quite a pleasant little discussion on the subject, a charming conversation which must, I imagine, be unique in the annals of the confidence trick. What he thought of me I cannot conceive. But whether he thought that I was pulling his leg in some very subtle way, or whether he thought that I was just plain mad, it must have been highly mystifying to him. Anyhow he played his part very well right to the end.

Believe it or not, we did find that hat shop. It was inside some big hotel. At the door of the shop my "Canadian friend" suddenly said "Just wait here a moment. I want to go into the lobby to change a traveller's cheque." That struck me as queer, as he claimed to be staying at my hotel, and I followed him, at a little distance, up the stairs into the lounge, where I saw him disappearing round a corner without stopping at the cashier's desk. Then, and then only, for the first time, it flashed into my mind that he, too, was in the game and was the decoy who was to have led me into the trap.

I went back to my hotel in a very cheerful frame of mind, with his dollar in my pocket, which I had after all forgotten to return to him. The only thing I regret in this affair is that I was unable to hear their comments on the perfect "sucker" whom they had caught so beautifully and yet so signally failed to pluck. It must have been a great disappointment for them.

Berlin Paper Warns Switzerland

"Agitation has Reached Intolerable Proportions"

Berlin, Dec. 19.

A warning to Switzerland that, if she wants to be regarded as a neutral Power, she must cease her "agitation and propaganda" against Germany was contained yesterday in the "Vœlkischer Beobacher."

The paper declares: "This shameless agitation has been going on for years against the internal policy of Germany, and has reached intolerable proportions since the taking over of Austria and Sudetenland.

"Switzerland must be told in a decided manner that it is not the least like neutrality, when all pro-German elements in the country are prosecuted and proscribed, while the worst agitators against the Reich continue to function with impunity."—Reuter.

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Women Hold China Future in Hand

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek Tells Of Her Tour Organizing Assistance for Troops

Chungking, Dec. 19.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek is continuing her energetic efforts to organize Chinese women throughout the country to participate in war work. Reporting on her flying inspection trips, she stated in a recent address before the Chinese Women's Association at Chungking:—

"After the fall of Hankow, I visited Changsha, where I organized women there, making bedding and clothes for the wounded soldiers.

"I am also sending women workers to various army units, and some to villages. Unfortunately, of 16 girl students sent to villages, three were killed by Japanese aerial bombing, and three others were seriously injured.

"At Nanchang, I visited camps where new troops were undergoing training.

"At Shaokwan, on the Kwangtung-Hunan border, due to the severe Japanese aerial bombardments, most women have left the town.

"I was deeply impressed by the spirit of the girls, some of whom are undergoing military training, and living the life of soldiers.

Support the Troops

"As soon as they complete their training courses, they follow the regular troops to the front, to bring about closer co-operation between the army and the populace.

"General Pai Chung-hsi told me that women played an important part in the Chinese victory at Taierchwang, where girl workers refused to leave, even though the situation was most desperate, expressing determination to fall with their men comrades. Their bravery inspired our soldiers to unbelievable heroism.

"If women want equality of rights with men, they must first be prepared to share men's responsibilities. British women won equality largely due to their heroic deeds in the Great War.

"Japan is not only an enemy to all the Chinese, but an enemy to all womenkind, Japan being the only civilized power in the world subjecting women to unbelievable oppression and slavery.

"If the Chinese women foresake vanity and luxuries, there will be no corrupt officials.

"If Chinese women are not afraid to die, there will be no cowardice among Chinese soldiers.

"The responsibility whether China will perish or survive rests with the Chinese women."—Reuter.

Funds for Development Of Yunnan Raised

Big Scheme Launched By Singapore Chinese

Chungking, Dec. 19.

A wealthy Singapore business man, Mr. Hu Wen-hu, is raising a sum of $50,000,000 for the development of the natural resources in Yunnan province, according to reports reaching here.

Mr. Liang Yu-kao, Chinese member of the Sino-British Yunnan-Burma Border Commission, together with Mr. Tsai Hsien-chang, representative of Mr. Hu Wen-hu, are en route to Kunming to discuss the matter with General Lung Yun, Governor of Yunnan, it is reported here.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Mr. Raita Fujiyama

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Japan today mourned the death of one of its leading industrialists as Mr. Raita Fujiyama succumbed to complications brought about by an attack of influenza after a three-day illness. Mr. Fujiyama who was 75 years old died at 12.55 o'clock this morning.—Domei.

Britain Asked to Take 10,000 Children

Jews Appeal for Refuge For Them in Palestine

London, Dec. 18.

The Jewish Board of Deputies appealed to the British Government today asking that they go back on their decision not to permit the immigration of 10,000 German Jewish children into Palestine.

"We hope that the Government will not allow any political considerations to prevent their saving the lives of these unfortunate children," the Board stated.—Havas.

Rumanian Exodus

Bucharest, Dec. 18.

Jewish organizations in Rumania put forward today a project aiming to favour the exodus of undesirable Jews. Such a project would entail the financing of the annual immigration of 25,000 Jews without resources, who would have to be transported free of charges by Rumanian trains and ships and who would be given some money to start life anew elsewhere. The funds needed to carry out such a scheme would be obtained through a 10 to 15 per cent. tax on the incomes of all Jews living in Rumania, the project provides.—Havas.

Bretons Agitating for Home Rule

Two Journalists Sent to Prison; Explosion Caused

Pontiev, Brittany, Dec. 19.

An explosion, believed to have been caused by Breton Autonomists destroyed a bronze Statue of Liberty yesterday, which commemorated the famous "Union of All Frenchmen" ceremony held at the Champs de Mars, Paris.

Prison sentences were imposed yesterday on two journalists for articles urging Breton independence.—Reuter.

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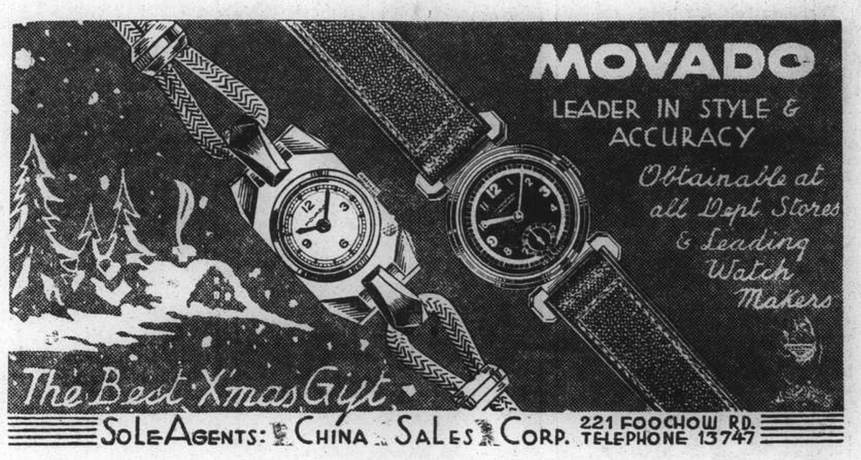

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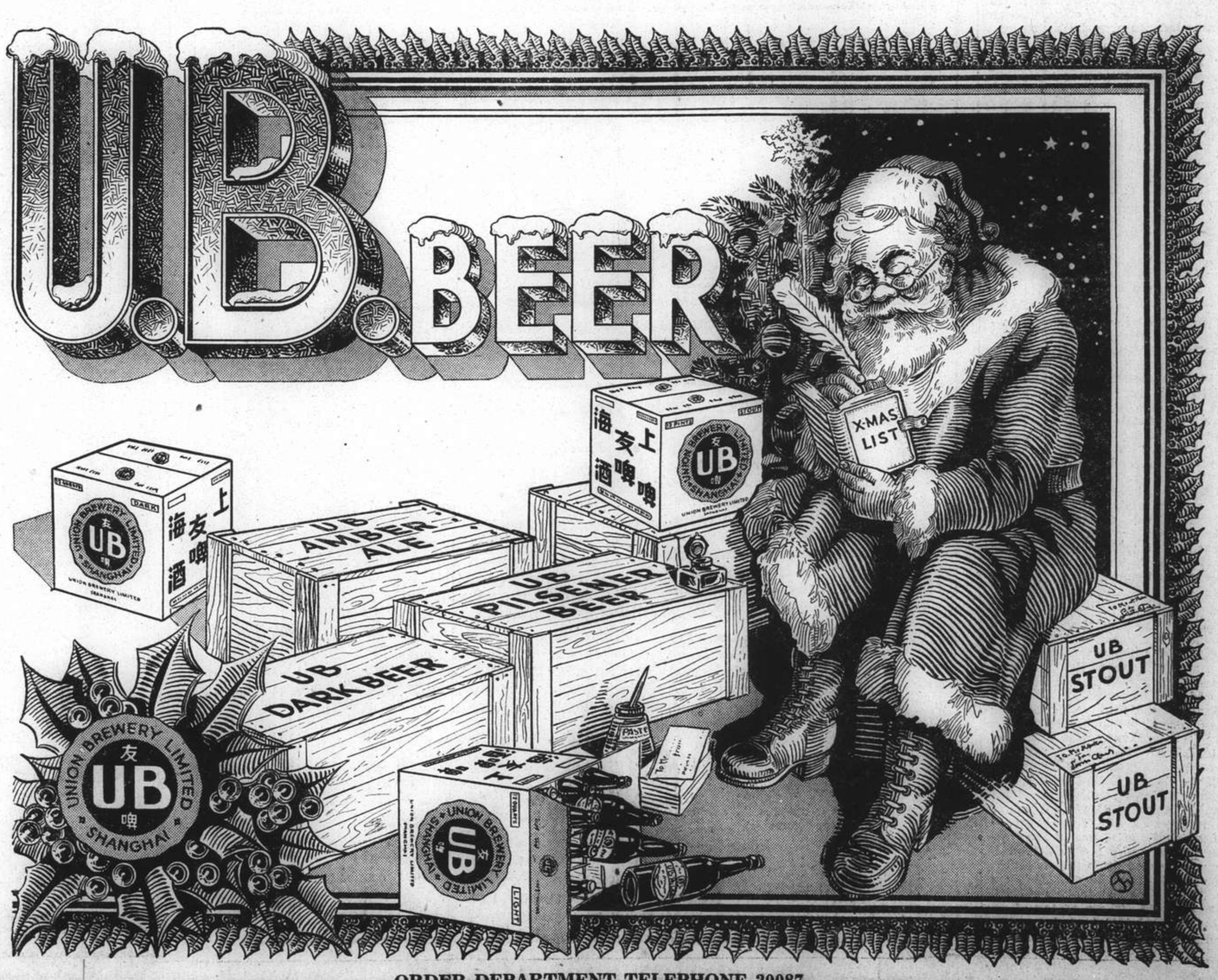

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Britain's Firm Stand Makes Italian Leaders Cautious

Claims on French Possessions Held in Abeyance Till After Mr. Chamberlain's Visit to Rome

London, Dec. 18.

FASCIST leaders in Rome were convinced that if they presented official claims upon any French territories, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, would cancel his projected visit to Italy next month, politicians remarked here today. Commenting upon Signor Benito Mussolini's address at Carbonia today, when he inaugurated that new coal city, they declared that apparently the last parleys between Lord Perth, the British Ambassador in Rome, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, convinced Il Duce of this fact.

Observers see such beliefs substantiated in the fact Signor Mussolini refrained from any anti-French declarations whatsoever in the course of his speech at Carbonia. It was most likely that Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons, opposing any modification of the Mediterranean *status quo*, had also influenced Il Duce.

Thus, a concensus of opinion revealed, it was thought that a firm British attitude would serve to bring the Italians back within the scope of a scheme including the lowering of Suez Canal tariff dues and the grant to Italy of a free zone in Djibouti and of an increased number of shares in the Djibouti-Addis Ababa Railway —Havas.

German Press Modifies Stand

Berlin, Dec. 18.

After announcing that Signor Benito Mussolini would make an important political address at Carbonia, the German Press published only the shortest of reports upon the speech today.

Newspapers simply stated that Il Duce had not dealt with problems of foreign policy and had only stressed the autarchic tendencies of the Fascist Government.

Yesterday, the Press recalled Signor Mussolini's last visit to Sardinia, "Italian bastion in the Mediterranean," in June, 1935, on the eve of the Ethiopian campaign. At that time, the "Berliner Tageblatt" emphasized, Il Duce stated: "There are still old and new accounts which must be settled."

Today, the German Press was reserved.

The "Montagpost" reported upon passages of the Carbonia address dealing with "Italy's unshakable will to face the various questions brought up today."

It added, however, "Il Duce pronounced no words upon the strained relations between France and Italy, nor upon Tunis, Corsica, Djibouti or the Suez Canal.

"The speech will contribute towards the calming of excited spirits at Paris and London.

"In view of the conversations that will take place in Rome in early January (when Mr. Neville Chamberlain visits Italy) Signor Mussolini evidently held himself reserved in his speech," this news organ concluded. —Havas.

Mr. Chamberlain May See Fuehrer

London, Dec. 18.

According to the "Sunday Chronicle," Mr. Chamberlain is planning a new visit to Chancellor Hitler after the conclusion of his Rome trip. The British Ministers will meet the French Premier and Foreign Minister on their way back from Rome. Finally the "Sunday Chronicle" mentions that Mr. Chamberlain intends to invite Field Marshal Goering to visit London to discuss political questions still pending. The result of all these discussions would finally be the creation of a Four-Power Pact, the paper believes.

The "Sunday Dispatch" asserts that Chancellor Hitler would submit a plan next year for a four-Power conference for limiting armaments.—Treas-Ocean.

'Xmas Truce Hopes For Spain Fade

Nationalists Refuse; Catholics of France Make Move Reported

Paris, Dec. 18.

Hope for a "Christmas peace" in Spain—on the third Christmas the country has passed under bombs, cold and hunger—faded completely today when the French Foreign Office received an indirect refusal from General Francisco Franco.

French war veterans, backed by Cardinal Verdier on behalf of French Catholics, in parallel demarches made to Burgos and Barcelona recently had suggested that the fighting be interrupted for a week or a month beginning at Christmas time.

The official mission representing General Franco here said that the General's refusal was based on the grounds that Spain was at war over an issue involving the life or death of the nation. Therefore the war cannot be stopped, the Nationalist leader is reported to have said, since such a move might be interpreted as a weakness in the Nationalists' determination to oust the Republicans. The Nationalists also indicated they feared such a truce might be taken advantage of by neutrals who would try to propose mediation, which General Franco has flatly rejected in advance.—United Press.

Cardinal Issues Denial

Paris, Dec. 18.

Possibilities of proposing a truce in Spain over the Christmas holidays were not discussed yesterday by the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, and the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Verdier, the latter's suite declared today.

The two men only examined best means to send to Basque and Spanish children the food that the French Catholic Church wished to forward to them, members of the suite stated, denying reports given prominence by a morning newspaper.—Havas.

Pope's Aid Sought

Paris, Dec. 19.

Burgos messages report that rumours are circulating in Nationalist Spain that moves are being considered abroad to bring a month's armistice to Spain over Christmastide.

It is alleged that the Spanish Committee for Civil Peace, in conjunction with French and British committees, is considering the possibility of asking the Pope, and the countries represented at the Lima Conference, to suggest an armistice to the rival forces.

It is stated in Burgos that General Franco has not changed his standpoint, namely, "no armistice or compromise," and if the Pope or South American countries put forward such a proposal, they would receive a courteous but firm refusal.—Reuter.

Another Armed Robbery Near Brenan Piece

Although barbed-wire barricades and additional police patrols along Brenan Piece did not prevent two men, one of whom was armed with a pistol to enter a rice hong at 1107 Jessfield Road at 7 o'clock last night, from stealing a total of 70 cents, six men entered a dwelling house at 902 Singapore Road shortly before 12.30 noon yesterday and after intimidating the inmates with their pistols, managed to make good their escape with jewellery and clothing valued at $1,110. No arrests were made and no shots fired and in both cases the thugs spoke the northern dialect.

THE CINEMA

"Mother Carey's Chickens"

Nancy Carey .....Anne Shirley
Kitty Carey .....Ruby Keeler
Ralph Thurston .....James Ellison
Mother Carey .....Fay Bainter
Ossian Popham .....Walter Brennan
Aunt Bertha .....Alma Krugger
Capt. John Carey .....Ralph Morgan
Tom Hamilton .....Frank Albertson
Lally Joy .....Virginia Weidler
Gilbert Carey .....Jackie Moran
Peter Carey .....Donnie Dunagan
Annabelle .....Phyllis Kennedy
Mr. Fuller .....Harvey Clark
Mrs. Fuller .....Margaret Hamilton

In "Mother Carey's Chickens," patrons of the Nanking Theatre have one of those pictures that "get under one's skin." The author of this tale of New England life during the era of and subsequent to the Spanish-American War, Kate Douglas Wiggin, also was active in its dramatization for the screen with the result that much of the humour and the poignancy appear literally to have been lifted from the original. The story has to do with a mother and children, who respectively are left widow and fatherless, when an American naval captain is killed. How they manage to re-establish themselves, after approaching poverty, and ultimately outwit a wealthy couple who wish to do them injustice, is delightfully told by such capable players as Miss Fay Bainter, Miss Ruby Keeler and Miss Shirley Ross. Mr. Walter Brennan is his usual comical self, but honours must go to the diminutive Donnie Dunagan and nine-year old Virginia Weidler. Heart strings are pulled, romance is developed among two young couples, a Shylock is portrayed, but all with the leaven of laughter. "Mother Carey's Chickens" is a picture which young and old alike may profit from by seeing.—C.S.H.

Signor Mussolini Opens "Coal City" in Sardinia

Town Will Soon Double Population, Claims Duce

Rome, Dec. 19.

Accompanied by an imposing retinue of ministers and high officials, Signor Mussolini yesterday visited Sardinia, and inaugurated a new coal mining town, named Carbonia, the "coal city," which has been built on the most modern lines.

During a brief speech, in which he made no reference to foreign affairs, Signor Mussolini emphasized that a new centre had arisen, where previously malaria reigned.

He claimed that the town would soon double its population, which at present totals 12,000.—Reuter.

Smallpox on Increase In Shanghai

Previous Week's Number of Cases Nearly Doubled

A total number of 323 cases of smallpox as compared 182 for the previous week were reported to the Health Departments of the Settlement and the Concession during the week ending December 17. Altogether 91 persons succumbed to the disease as against 59 for the previous week. In the International Settlement twelve foreigners were reported of having contracted smallpox, four cases being fatal whilst only one foreign case was reported in the Concession.

In all 67 cases of diphtheria, eleven of which of foreigners, were reported for the same period, from both administrations, six cases being mortal.

There was some decline in the number of cases of tuberculosis reported, the total being 56 as compared to 63 for the previous week. The disease claimed 30 deaths, two being foreigners.

Beri-beri showed another marked decline as only sixteen cases, three of which were mortal, were reported from the Settlement and the Concession for the week covered by the reports.

Foreign deaths from all causes totalled 20 which is an increase of seven whilst the number of Chinese deaths reported, total 1,869 and increase of 478 over the previous week.

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New Slovakia Hits Jewish People

Fascist Character of Autonomous Government Revealed in Elections

Bratislava, Dec. 18.

Ninety per cent. of the electors voted today in favour of the Government list in the elections to the first autonomous Slovakian Parliament, it was officially announced here tonight.

In no less than 200 municipalities, it was stated, all of the electors answered "Yes" to the question written on the voting slips, "Do you want to participate in the building of a free and independent Slovakia."

The ballotting took place today amidst complete calm. The Slovakian Populist Party's list was the only one putting forward officially-favoured candidates. Voters were asked only to say "Yes" or "No" in casting their ballots for or against this list.

Anti-Semitism Appears

The only outstanding feature of the whole electoral campaign, observers pointed out this evening, was its violent anti-Semitic character.

All towns and villages have been decorated with Slovakian and Hitler flags and on the walls of buildings have been posted bills proclaiming, "The Jews have always been the Slovakian people's enemies."

The new Deputies in the Slovakian Parliament will wear black uniforms similar to those of "Hlinka's Guards," but with a special badge added.

The new Diet, which will sit in the middle to January, next year, will confirm the present Slovakian Government in their functions, will draft Slovakia's Constitution and will prepare for the new elections next year. —Havas.

Gaimusho Chief Calls Loans "Ill-Advised"

(Continued from page 5)

"In other words it is imperative that the economic activities of other Powers should be subject to certain restrictions dictated by requirements of the national defence and economic security of the countries grouped under the new order, and that no political privileges should be attached to those activities.

"The necessity of such restrictions is recognized by all modern states, including, I am sure, the British Empire and the United States.—Domei.

British Position on Trading in China

No Official Cognizance Of Mr. Arita's Speech

London, Dec. 19.

No official cognizance has yet been taken of the statement made by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, on the reaction of Japan to British and American loans to China.

The British position with regard to trading in China, however, has been authoritatively stated as follows:

"His Majesty's Government received frequent assurances from the Japanese Government in the past that the old order would be restored as soon as possible and that no effort would be spared not to impinge on the rights of other nationals in China.

"These assurances have never been implemented and so it has become necessary for this country and other countries to protect their own rights.

"The Export Credit Bill, now under consideration in Parliament, is an example of one of the ways by which Great Britain can look after her own interests."—Reuter.

Japanese Comment on British, U.S. Loans

"Asahi" Alleges Moves "Inconsistent"

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Financial assistance being extended to the régime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek by Britain and the United States is "self-contradictory" in that it tends to turn China into "another Spain," thereby disturbing world peace, the "Miyako Shimbun" declared editorially today, recalling the professed desires of statesmen in London and Washington to secure international appeasement.

The British and American moves, the daily stated, were designed to secure a favourable solution of the issues involving their interests in China, particularly the question of Yangtze navigation.

The "Miyako," however, contended that there was "no fear" that this financial assistance towards the Chiang régime would be continued, as the former Chinese national administration had become "a mere regional government."

The American credit and the proposed British loan, the daily said, would, nevertheless, "enliven" the Chungking régime.

"New Concern"

Commenting on the same subject, the "Yomiuri Shimbun," another popular daily, saw significance in the American action, which, it said, had aroused "new concern" in that it represented a departure from the past Washington policy of avoiding joint action with Britain.

"We have nothing to say about British aid to the régime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek," the "Yomiuri" said, asserting that such action was in keeping with the established British policy.—Domei.

Pope's Condition Alarming

Vatican City, Dec. 19.

Pope Pius has had another heart attack and the condition of His Holiness is alarming.

The Pope, who yesterday inaugurated the third year of the Pontifical Academy, was described as more vigorous than usual, and spoke for three quarters of an hour on the theme: "Christmas, and the marvels of eternal science." —Reuter.

Corsica Seeks Curb On Italians

Djibouti Arabs, Somalis Protest Against "Claim" On Port by Fascist State

Bastia, Corsica, Dec. 19.

The strict supervision of the activities of Italian agents in Corsica is demanded in a resolution passed here yesterday by the Committee of Action and Defence, formed following the recent Italian claims.

Other resolutions demand:

1. Withdrawal of the right of Italians to shoot game;
2. Strict control to ensure that the immigration quota is not exceeded;
3. Immediate re-inforcement of all existing military forces, and the creation of new naval and air bases on the Island;
4. Assurance of proper food supplies;
5. Energetic demarche to Rome to end the anti-French campaign;
6. Re-inforcement of the special police, whose number is considered to be insufficient;
7. Suppression of the Italian newspaper "Muvra";
8. Exclusion of Italian labourers from public works construction on the Island, and Italians from local administration; and
9. Supervision of Italian residents, and the immediate expulsion of all suspicious characters.—Reuter.

Djibouti Arabs Protest

Djibouti, Dec. 18.

The native population of Djibouti, Arab and Somali alike, staged a demonstration today against Italian "claims" upon this port.

Moslem leaders went as far as to approach the Governor and affirm to him their loyalty to France. France, they said, respects all their rights of freedom, "which are completely disregarded in Ethiopia." Taking precautionary measures the police protected the Italian Consulate and the Fascist House here, but there were no outbreaks against public order.—Havas.

French Leaders on Tour

Paris, Dec. 18.

The Chief of Staff of the French Army, Gen. Maurico Gamelin, and Vice-Admiral Darlan, Chief of Staff of the Navy, will tour North Africa next month, "Le Temps" announced today.—Havas.

"Deficiency of information in Japanese English-language newspapers is completed very successfully by an English newspaper in Kobe **The Japan Chronicle** . . . on its pages can often be found criticisms of the political and economic actions of the Japanese Government and various other information which gives the opportunity to observe and to analyse the Japanese economic situation. In addition to the usual material obtainable from all the Japanese English-language newspapers, The **Japan Chronicle** gives a very detailed and comprehensive review of the foreign trade of Japan. It regularly prints statistics pertaining to Japanese exports and the state of the home market."—*Extracts from U.S.S.R. Chamber of Commerce Journal.*

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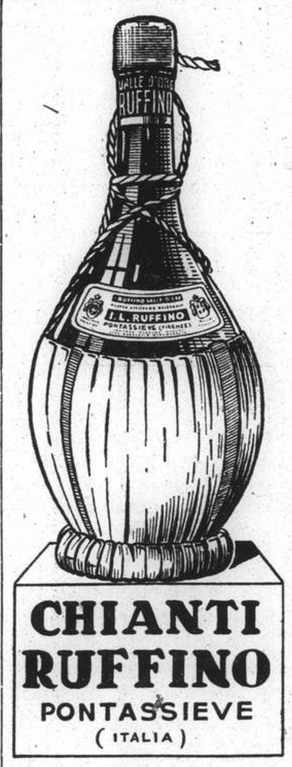

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Invitation Basketball

Eleventh Annual Foreign Y.M.C.A. League Play Begun ; Six Teams Struggle for Honours

THE eleventh annual Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Basketball League got underway last night with three games. With the redoubtable Buccaneers out of competition and a shortage of first-rate teams, the championship should be a four-way fight between the Paramount, the U.D., and the two Marines quintettes, the "Reds" and the "Golds."

The Marine Golds made an impressive showing in their debut against the Blue Blacks five of St. John's University and won by a one-sided score of 40-15. The service team began with a rush and piled up a lead of 31-6 at half-time. In the second period play became listless as the Marines seemed to be content with their first half lead and just toyed around to chalk up nine points only.

MARINE GOLDS

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Bracken, f.	2	0	0	4
Hughes, f.	3	1	0	7
Day, f.	3	1	2	7
Matulec, c.	5	0	0	10
Pasko, c.	1	1	1	3
Goush, g.	2	1	1	5
Lewis, g.	2	0	2	4
Blais, g.	0	0	1	0
	18	4	7	40

BLUE BLACKS

Chang, f.	0	1	2	1
Lieu, f	0	0	2	0
Woo, f.	0	1	1	1
Tsaung, c.	0	1	1	1
Sung, g.	3	0	0	6
Ma, g.	3	0	0	6
	6	3	6	15

Aurora University Loses

The game between Chi Chong and Aurora University resulted in a heavy defeat for the collegians, 60-25. Chi Chong were much better organized and drew away from the very start. When intermission arrived the score read 28-13. Sei was the heavy scorer, gaining eleven field goals. Kung and Cheng each tallied five times.

CHI CHONG

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Sie, f.	11	0	1	22
Ting, f.	1	3	1	5
Cherg, f.	5	0	1	10
Kung, c.	5	0	0	10
Sei, g	2	1	1	5
Soong, g.	0	2	1	2
Yang, g.	2	0	0	4
	26	8	5	60

AURORA

Sie, f.	0	0	0	0
Yang, f.	1	0	0	0
Wang, f.	2	0	1	4
Fong, c.	0	0	1	0
Kong, g.	1	0	0	2
Ma, g.	2	0	0	4
Tong, g.	6	0	1	12
	12	1	6	25

Win for the Wasps

A close and interesting game was witnessed between the Wasps and the Moore Memorial Church as the former defeated the Churchmen by 36-24. The losers began well and took a lead of 7-3. Guarding was tight as chances to break in for a close-in shot were scarce. Towards the end of the first session the Church team weakened to enable the Wasps to garner three successive goals and gained an upperhand by a tally of 20-12 during the interval.

WASPS

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Loh, f.	4	0	2	8
Woo, f.	0	2	1	2
Chow, f.	3	2	1	8
Dao, c.	3	1	2	7
Tung, g.	3	0	1	6
Kwan, g.	2	1	1	5
Lieu, g.	0	2	1	0
	15	6	9	36

MOORE

Ling, f.	1	1	1	3
Sung, f.	0	0	0	0
Liang, f.	3	1	3	7
Sung, c.	3	2	3	8
Zung, g.	0	1	1	1
Sien, g.	2	1	1	5
	9	6	9	24

Foreign "Y" Lead In Ladies Bowling

Crucial Game in Series Due Today; C.C.C. Teams Have Slight Chance

One of the most crucial matches in the Ladies' Inter-Club Duck Pin League will take place today when the Women's Sports Section of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. meet the Columbia Country Club Blues in the latter's alleys. The "Y" bowlers are at present three games ahead, with six more games to play, and have virtually captured the championship because of the comfortable margin they now hold.

The Reds of the C.C.C. tie with the Blues in the standing, and will visit the Marine Ladies' alleys. Should they win all the three games today the Reds still stand a chance of giving the "Y" ladies a final struggle when the series comes to a close next week.

In a third match on today's programme the American Club will entertain the Germans.

Full results to date follow:—

Team Standings

	Won	Lost	P'ct	Total Pin Fall
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	19	5	.791	10928
C.C.C. Blues	16	8	.666	10991
C.C.C. Reds	16	8	.666	10832
American Club	12	12	.500	10573
German G.C.	7	17	.291	10102
Marine Ladies	2	22	.083	9863

League Records

Individual

Single, Mrs. Schuster	130
Triple, Mrs. Jensen	343
Average, Mrs. Schumster	98 8/21
Team Single, C.C.C. Blues	534
Team Triple, C.C.C. Blues	1513

Individual Records

	High Single	High Triple	Total Pin Fall	Played	Average
Miss McIntyre, C.C.C. Reds	115	321	321	3	107
Mrs. Schuster, C.C.C. Blues	130	330	2066	21	98 8/21
Miss Volein, Y.M.C.A.	115	318	1460	15	97 5/15
Mrs. Geibel, C.C.C. Reds	126	311	2297	24	95 17/24
Mrs. Horton, Y.M.C.A.	115	316	2295	24	95 15/24
Mrs. Jensen, American C.	123	343	2260	24	94 1/6
Mrs. Cardwell, C.C.C. Blues	111	293	2233	24	93 1/24
Miss Lemp, Y.M.C.A.	109	282	1739	19	91 10/19
Mrs. Dalton, C.C.C. Blues	103	297	2197	24	91 13/24
Mrs. Shean, C.C.C. Reds	109	275	549	6	91 1/2
Mrs. D. Nance, American C.	115	289	2089	23	90 19/23
Mrs. McClellan, C.C.C. Reds	116	306	2177	24	90 17/24
Mrs. F. Nance, C.C.C. Reds	116	290	1896	21	90 3/7
Mrs. Weida, German G.C.	113	294	2157	24	89 21/24
Mrs. Limann, German G.C.	108	298	2142	24	89 2/8
Miss Kimball, C.C.C. Blues	118	317	2140	24	89 1/6
Mrs. Zee, Y.M.C.A.	114	284	1961	22	89 3/22
Mrs. Kwok, Y.M.C.A.	107	299	2045	23	88 21/23
Mrs. Lamneck, American C.	107	294	1939	22	88 3/22
Mrs. Gray, C.C.C. Blues	113	290	2110	24	87 22/24
Mrs. Malleck, Y.M.C.A.	88	260	260	3	86 2/3
Mrs. Allen, Marine Ladies	110	301	2079	24	86 15/24
Mrs. Putman, C.C.C. Reds	103	275	2073	24	86 11/24
Mrs. Deegan, American C.	104	282	1726	20	86 6/20
Mrs. Clark, Marine Ladies	86	254	254	3	84 2/3
Mrs. Freeman, C.C.C. Reds	96	267	1522	18	84 10/15
Mrs. Evans, American C.	100	267	1771	21	84 7/21
Mrs. Krulak, Marine Ladies	99	274	1763	21	83 20/21
Mrs. Hommel, Marine Ladies	103	252	752	9	83 5/9
Mrs. Collaco, Y.M.C.A.	99	272	1168	14	83 6/14
Mrs. Lindner, German G.C.	93	264	1993	24	83 1/24
Mrs. Johnston, Marine Ladies	108	265	1974	24	82 6/24
Mrs. Sachs, German G.C.	90	259	979	12	81 7/12
Mrs. Coffman, Marine Ladies	95	254	1139	14	81 5/14
Mrs. Robb, Marine Ladies	86	237	714	9	79 1/3
Mrs. Johnson, C.C.C. Blues	82	240	240	3	80
Mrs. Eggers, German G.C.	97	260	1672	21	79 13/21
Mrs. Mann, American C.	86	240	699	9	77 6/9
Mrs. Meyer-Buete, German G.C.	92	269	933	12	77 3/4
Mrs. Hockel, German G.C.	85	226	226	3	75 1/3
Mrs. Nelson, Marine Ladies	92	234	671	9	74 5/9
Mrs. Cloud, Marine Ladies	80	215	517	7	73 6/7

Nova May Fight Max Baer in February

Winner to Meet Louis for World Title

New York, Dec. 17.

A fifteen-round bout between Lou Nova and Max Baer at the Madison Square Garden on February 24 was considered today by Mike Jacobs, world's leading boxing promoter.

Nova and Baer were virtually assured of the possibility of the winner of their bout meeting Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, for the title in June or September.

The bout between Nova and Baer was arranged because of Nova's victory over Tommy Farr last night. The youthful Californian almost knocked out the tough and experienced Welsh miner. After knocking him down in the fourteenth round he failed to send in the fatal blows in the fifteenth and final round because he had shot his bolt in the previous round.

Both Nova and Baer are Californians and were earlier considered as possible opponents for Louis in a world title bout which was to have been staged by the San Francisco World Fair authorities. Although arrangements were started for such a bout, the California authorities recently called the bout off.—United Press.

Bus Company Defeat Waterworks

In the first game of the Joint Utilities Football League for this season, played on Sunday, the Bus Company defeated the Shanghai Waterworks by six goals to nil. The Waterworks teams was much below strength.

The fixture list for the season was announced yesterday. All games are to be played at Kiaochow Park on Sunday mornings. The following is the list:—

1-1-39, Phones *v.* Power, 10.45 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.
8-1-39, Water *v.* Phones, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.
15-1-39, Bus *v.* Power, 10.45 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.
22-1-39, Phones *v.* Bus, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.
29-1-39, Power *v.* Water, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.
5-2-39, Water *v.* Bus, 10.45 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.
12-2-39, Phones *v.* Power, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.
19-2-39, Water *v.* Phones, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.
26-2-39, Bus *v.* Power, 10.45 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.
5-3-39, Phones *v.* Bus, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.
12-3-39, Power *v.* Water, 9 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.

Armstrong in Serious Condition

Sydney, Dec. 19.

Warwick Armstrong, famous former Australian cricket captain, is seriously ill.

He is suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy.—Reuter.

Sea Biscuit Held For Widener Cup Race

San Francisco, Dec. 17.

Charles S. Howard, owner of the turf handicap champion, Sea Biscuit, today said that he would wait until January 4 when weights are posted for the U.S.$50,000 Widener Cup race at Hialeah, Florida, before deciding whether he would send his star to the post.

In the U.S.$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap race, Sea Biscuit drew the top weight of 134 pounds, the heaviest imposition he ever has been called upon to carry.—United Press.

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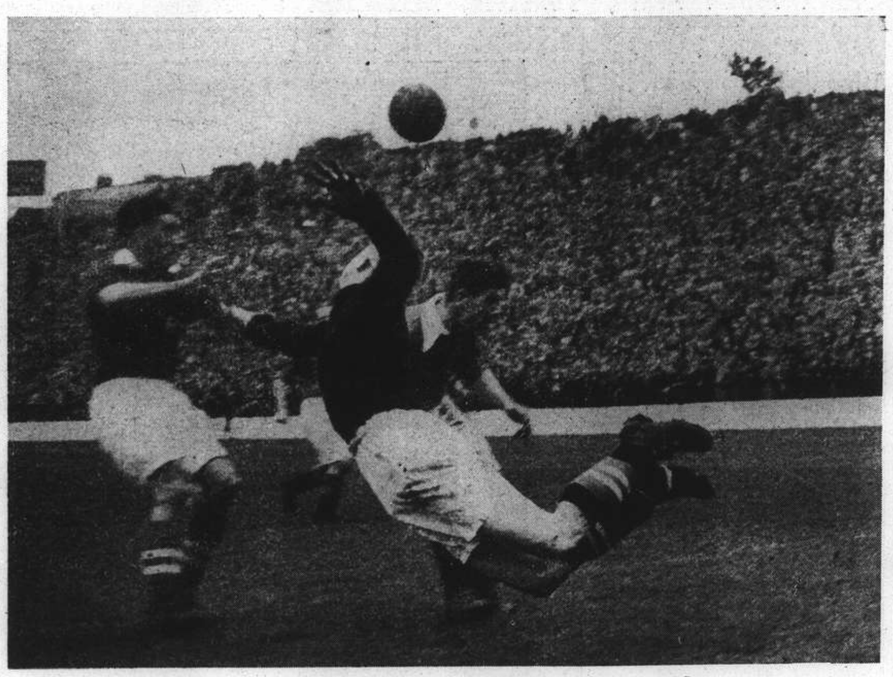

Swallow Dive on Football Field

An acrobatic save by Bartram of Charlton in the game played recently on Charlton's ground against Birmingham.

Football Fixtures For Holidays

Chinese Stars and S.F.A. on Boxing Day at Canidrome ; International Series

The fixtures issued by the Shanghai Football Association for the Christmas and Year holiday periods are full of interest for soccer "fans" of all nationalities. The most interesting match of the whole schedule should be that between the Chinese All Star team and the selected side to oppose them by the S.F.A. This match should attract a record gate to the Canidrome on Boxing Day, and the elected teams of local stars should provide football of a high standard well worth watching. Followers of the game are reminded that the whole proceeds of this match are to be subscribed to the Marine Engineers' Charity, so "roll up" in your thousands for, besides seeing the game of the season, people will be helping a very deserving cause.

There are several other matches full of interest before the end of the year including the opening rounds of the Tze Ling Cup and the International Championship. The Scottish team should become strong contenders for international honours, including the Seaforth Highlanders to select part or whole of the team from, which in itself, is a great asset, not forgetting the fact that the local Russians can put a very strong team in the field. More about the Chinese international team after their "dress rehearsal" at the Canidrome on Boxing Day, which should provide them with valuable team experience.

Anent the annual "schemozzle" between the local "newshounds" and their universally respected opponents the "Knights of the Whistle" on January 2. If all reports regarding this "match" are reliable, there will be absolutely no issue of the press on January 3 in Shanghai, for the "refs" have threatened "to get their own back" for the "excellent" write-ups they have been getting this season. But more of that anon, say after the battle, if there are any survivors to give them a really deserving line or two.

Holiday Fixtures

The following are the S.F.A. fixtures for the Christmas and New Year Holiday periods.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Tsz Ling Cup 1st Round.—Ching Hwa *v.* Sokol, Kiaochow, 2.30 p.m.; Hotspurs *v.* Area Details, R.G.2, 2.30 p.m. Rowing Club *v.* R.A.M.C., R.G.1, 2.30 p.m.
Reserve division.—Surreys *v.* S.F.X., R.G.5; Lusitano *v.* S.M.P., S.R.C.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Tsz Ling Cup 1st Round.—Abteilung *v.* French Forces, R.G.1, 2.30 p.m.; Kwang Lou *v.* U.T. Party, Kiaochow, 2.30 p.m.; Russ. Regt. *v.* Bramtoco, R.G.2, 2.30 p.m.; J.R.C. *v.* P.T.H., R.G.5, 2.30 p.m.
Reserve division.—A.S.F. *v.* Tung Hwa, Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Marine Engineers' Charity Cup Match.—Foreign XI *v.* Chinese XI, Canidrome, 2.45 p.m.
Reserve division.—Aurora *v.* S.R.C., Kiaochow.
3rd division.—Vitiaz *v.* Betar, R.G.5; Russ. Club *v.* Area Details, R.G.1; Tung Wen *v.* Xaverians, R.G.2; P.T.H. *v.* "S55 F.C., Kiaochow, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

International Cup 1st Round.—Portugal *v.* Germany, R.G.2, 2.30 p.m.; France *v.* Scotland, R.G.5, 2.30 p.m.
Reserve division.—seaforths *v.* Tung Hwa, Kiaochow.
2nd division.—Brit. Navy *v.* Area Details, R.G.1.
3rd division.—Beter *v.* R.A.M.C., S.R.C.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1939

International Cup 1st Round.—Palestine *v.* Russia, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.
Reserve division.—A.S.F. *v.* Surreys, R.G.2.
3rd division.—Lido *v.* P.T.H., Kiaochow Xaverians *v.* Parks, Kiaochow, 9 a.m.; Russ. Club *v.* Vitiaz, R.G.1; Tung Wen *v.* Area Details, R.G.5.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Special Charity Match.—Referees *v.* Press, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.
International Cup 1st Round.—England *v.* China, Canidrome, 2.30 p.m.
Reserve division.—S.M.P. *v.* S.R.C., R.G.2; Lusitano *v.* Aurora, Kiaochow.
2nd division.—P.T.H. *v.* Russ. Regt., R.G.1.
3rd division.—Bramtoco *v.* Rowing Club, R.G.5; "S" F.C. *v.* Kwang Low, Kiaochow, 10 a.m.

Unless otherwise stated all matches Commence at 3 p.m. Cup Ties, which result in a draw after full time, must play an additional 15 minutes each way.

Hutton Not Seriously Injured

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Johannesburg, Dec. 19.

An X-ray examination of Len Hutton, the young Yorkshire record-breaker, yesterday, showed that he was not suffering from any fracture. He is expected to rejoin the M.C.C. team within a few days. The examination was held following a nasty accident, in which Hutton was struck on the head by a ball from a fast bowler, during the first day's play of the match between the M.C.C. and the Transvaal. He was rendered unconscious, and was rushed to hospital.—Reuter.

Ice Hockey League

Boston, Dec. 18.

The powerful Boston Bruins forced another link in their winning chain in their campaign to snatch the national professional ice hockey championship this season by trouncing the Detroit Red Wings, 2-0, tonight.

The brillian victory was all the more notable for it marked the fifth shutout win scored by the Bruins since they acquired Frank Brimsek, rookie goalie. It was the fifth shutout victory in the six games that Brimsek has played.

The Chicago Black Hawks tonight tore the defence of the New York Rangers to shreds and sent the puck in for five goals without allowing the New Yorkers to reply once.

Continuing to show their improved form, the New York Americans thrilled a large crowd at the Madison Square Garden by beating the Montreal Canadiens, 5-2.

With the game fast coming to a close and with the score tied, 2-2, the Amerks broke loose and netted the puck three times in rapid succession.—United Press.

Brokers Engage in Bowling Contest

Cup Presented for Game Played Tonight

Considerable interest is being shown in a bowling match between teams of five representing The Shanghai Stock Exchange, Messrs. S. E. Levy & Co., Swan, Culbertson & Fritz, and White, White & Co., which is scheduled to take place at the Shanghai Race Club commencing at 7.30 o'clock tonight. A handsome silver cup has been subscribed for by the competitors and it is intended to make this an annual event, so the winning team will have the privilege of holding the trophy until it is won from them.

As it is a condition that the team making the lowest score in this elimination contest will have to sign the chits for refreshments during the evening, it is expected that competitors may be relied upon to do their utmost.

Netherlands Girl Again Sets Backstroke Mark

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.

Irene van Feggelen, of Holland, established a world record for the 200 metres back stroke, with her time of two minutes and 39 seconds, set up yesterday.

The previous record was also held by Miss van Feggelen, with two minutes and 40.6 seconds.—Reuter.

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Federal Unity of India Stressed

Viceroy Says Scheme Most Practicable and Best in Present Times

Calcutta, Dec. 19.

Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy of India, claimed that a Federal scheme was the "best and most practicable solution to the great constitutional problem of India," when speaking at an annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

He said that the dominant consideration to be held in view while framing a scheme was the unity of India.

This, stated Lord Linlithgow, was partly due to the change in the European background and the relations of new ideologies to ideals, which remained the basis of British policy, but it was more important because provincial autonomy had worked out so well.

The experiment of provincial autonomy, declared the Viceroy, introduced over fifteen months ago with the transfer of real powers to ministers elected by an electorate five times the size of any which had previously voted in India, proved a marked success.

No pressure to take a decision, he added, would be brought upon the Indian States by the British Government or himself.

The darkening background of 1938 and the emphasis on totalitarian ideologies, concluded Lord Linlithgow, made no difference in the attitude of the British Government towards Indian constitutional advance.—Reuter.

Labour Non-Confidence Motion in Commons

Opposition Attack on Foreign Policy Opens

London, Dec. 19.

The opposition motion of non-confidence in the Government's foreign policy was presented in the House of Commons today by Mr. Hugh Dalton, former chairman of the National Executive of the Labour Party, who proposed, "that this House has no confidence in the foreign policy of His Majesty's Government."

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party; Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Albert Alexander and Sir Charles Edwards.

It was generally expected that the House would vote on the motion tonight.—United Press.

U.S. Transport Brings Toys for Chinese

Manila, Dec. 19.

The United States Navy transport Henderson, which is to arrive here on Thursday, is carrying 6,226 separate cartons of Christmas gifts and toys for trans-shipment to Dr. Wu Chang-youeh, the Chinese Red Cross Society's representative at Hongkong, it is revealed today.

The toys were presented by American Junior Red Cross Society members. Most of the toys are destined for Chinese refugees on the island of Kulangsu, Amoy. The toys are to be delivered through the co-operation of the American Consulate at Amoy.

American women members of the American Red Cross Society here recently shipped a large number of Christmas kits to United States Marines stationed at Peiping, Shanghai and Tientsin and also to American sailors of the Yangtze Patrol.—United Press.

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Pool 5.	183	246	267		9	3	25.50
Pool 6.	113	141	209		10	5	20.20
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Arabs Demonstrate Loyalty to King George and Britain

Hillside of Hebron Resounds to Applause as Union Jack Unfurls; Sheikhs Deplore Murders

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.

COLOURFUL and impressive spectacle was provided here yesterday, when a crowd of 3,000 Arab villagers demonstrated their loyalty to the King and to Great Britain at the hillside village of Yatta, south of Hebron. The Union Jack was unfurled, while a trumpeter sounded the General Salute, amid an outburst of applause. Major-General O'Connor, and other prominent officials, arrived in a convoy of cars, escorted by sheikhs astride horses and camels, although this is typically "ambush country."

Many sheikhs were presented to Major-General O'Connor, these including one bearded sheikh who claimed that he represented 60,000 people. He addressed the gathering, and deplored the murder, looting and destruction carried out by the rebel elements. He thanked the British military for breaking up the "criminal gangs," and said that he considered the British messengers of peace.

Major-General O'Connor, in a brief reply, stated that the British Army would continue to suppress the rebellion, and said hat he hoped for the assistance of the villagers in this campaign.

The purpose of the demonstration, as announced when it was planned several days ago, was to express loyalty to the King and to the British Government, and to offer a public expression of thanks to the British Army for ridding Palestine of its lawless elements.

A pilot of the Royal Air Force was slightly hurt, a British soldier was wounded, and Arabs sustained heavy casualties in a fight between British troops, assisted by aircraft, and a large band of armed Arabs eight miles from the place where the big meeting of Arab loyalists was held yesterday.

Sheikh Alkatib, preacher in the Mosque of Omar, was shot dead wihtin the Old City yesterday. He was one of the group recently invited by British troops to inspect the Mosque precincts, when snipers were alleged to have hidden there.—Reuter.

Revenge Motive of Murder

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.

Sheikh Said el Khatib, of the Omar Mosque, was assassinated in the Old City today, his murderers escaping in the ensuing disorder. The killed man was at one time secretary to the now-exiled Grand Mufti. His murder is considered to be an act of revenge following the recent murder of Sheikh Ansari, who was opposed to the Arab extremists.—Havas.

Budapest Sought For Berlin Axis

Count Ciano to Ask Hungary to Forego Claims on Ruthenia

Budapest, Dec. 18.

Just prior to the arrival of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, on a state visit tomorrow morning, it was reported here today that he would try to persuade Hungary to renounce her ambitions for a common Hungaro-Polish frontier.

The evolution of Hungary's internal policies, her position with regard to the anti-Comintern Pact and her stand *vis-a-vis* the League of Nations were also stated likely to be discussed during Count Ciano's stay here.

Political quarters hope, he will support Budapest against the "exaggerated demands of the German minority in Hungary" and that he will deal with the question of economic facilities, chiefly the problem of a transit agreement with Italy.

Count Csaky, new Hungarian Foreign Minister, made a speech today asserting that Hungary has automatically found her place at the side of the Rome-Berlin axis Powers, who will prevent Bolshevism from attaining power in Hungary.

He stressed Budapest's friendly relations with Warsaw and also the efforts made to establish normal relations with all of Hungary's neighbours.

Count Csaky declared the Government would protect all their minorities so long as they did not pursue a policy based on territorial demands. He emphasized that the triumph of ethnical principles was not contrary to the interests of Hungary.—Havas.

ACCORDING to a recent instruction from the Ministry of Finance, all banknotes and subsidiary coins issued by provincial or local banks may in future be circulated only in the province of issue Notes other than Government Bank notes have been in circulation in Shanghai and they are now to be taken to the issuing banks and exchanged for legal tender notes. The instruction also states that miscellaneous notes may be rejected if the issuing banks or agents are no longer in the place of issue or in Shanghai.

Polish Jewish Refugees Hit by Cold Wave

'Flu Epidemic Feared in Camps on Reich Border

Bentschen, Dec. 18.

An epidemic of influenza threatened to break out in the Polish refugee camp for Jews in "No Man's Land" on the frontier as the cold wave set in today.

Over 600 Jews are at present ill with influenza and tonsilitis. Hundreds of others among the 5,000 living in the camp have colds.

Since the Jews first arrived at the camp, ten persons have died, the Camp authorities said.

The hospital at the camp is crowded and many who have been stricken with colds have been taken into private homes in the Polish village of Bentschen.

The refugees are those Jews who were expelled from Germany six weeks ago following a misunderstanding on passports between Germany and Poland.—United Press.

Pearl River Not to Be Opened

Canton, Dec. 19.

It appears that Pearl River will be closed to foreign shipping until the Yangtze question has been settled.

The Japanese Consul-General, in an interview with Reuter today, stated that Pearl River was not an important issue in itself but shoulld traffic be restored, it would prejudice Japan's case regarding the Yangtze.

Meanwhile, Reuter was informed that the new Kwangtung Provincial Government is being inaugurated at 10 a.m. tomorrow, with Mr. Pang Tung-yuen as Chairman. He will also occupy the post of Acting Mayor for the time being.—Reuter.

Mr. Landon Warns South America

U.S. Republican Leader Identifies Party With Administration Stand

Lima, Dec. 18.

Mr. Alfred Landon, Republican candidate for president in 1936 and at present a member of the United States delegation here, made a radio broadcast speech to the United States which lifted the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine from the realm of U.S. party politics.

Mr. Landon flatly warned his audience that Communism, Fascism and Naziism were fighting for the control of the South American continent. He emphasized that "we'll always unite against any outside aggressor."

Mr. Landon further asserted that he spoke for the Republicans as well as for the Democrats when he said that "this historic policy is not going to be changed no matter what party is in power." Observers here regarded this statement as an effort to allay any apprehension that might exist in South America that the re-appearance of a Republican regime in the United States would mean the end of President Roosevelt's "good neighbour" policy.

The former Republican candidate mentioned the names of no specific nations but he accused the totalitarian states of "growing harder and more brutal every day."

Common Defence Policy

Diplomatic observers here expressed the opinion that Mr. Landon's lack of an official position enabled him to use more emphatic phraseology than members of the Cabinet have used. However, Mr. Cordell Hull as head of the delegation was reported to be aware of the contents of the speeches all delegates were planning to make.

The former Governor of Kansas forecast that foreign ideologies would eventually fail to establish themselves in the western hemisphere. However, he emphasized, "more than words and gestures" would be necessary to repel them.

He said the Conference was considering the matter of mutual deference and urged that the American nations maintain their democratic forms of government.

In general Mr. Landon expressed Mr. Cordell Hull's viewpoint, in urging the adoption of a stronger form of solidarity and mutual defence declaration than Argentina was at present ready to endorse.—United Press.

Big Film Centre for Shanghai Planned

New Company Organized to Absorb Others

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Shanghai is destined to become the "Hollywood of China" under plans now being drafted for establishment of a film studio through the creation of the China Motion Picture Company under sponsorship of the Peiping and Nanking Governments, Domei learned today.

The semi-official cinema concern will be capitalized at Y.2,000,000 which will be subscribed by the two governments and civilian film companies.

Two studios, one large one at Shanghai to be devoted exclusively to the filming of "modern" pictures, and another on a smaller scale at Peiping which will be confined to the production of "old style" vehicles, are planned. The Shanghai studio will be ready for work not later than March.

Chinese actors and actresses will comprise the list of players.

Promoters of the firm are now pushing organization schemes following consultations with officials of the Manchurian Film Corporation and the major Japanese motion picture firms such as the Shochiku, and the Toho companies, it was understood.—Domei.

Red Cross Acknowledge Donations

The Shanghai International Red Cross wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations December 4-17 inclusive:—

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Sheng Kung Hwei Emergency Day School, 97 pcs. old clothing.
American Chinese Youth Organization, New Orleans, La., 2 boxes old clothing.

Intense Cold Grips All Europe

London Has Snowfall; River Seine Freezing Over; Germans Shiver

London, Dec. 18.

London saw snow this afternoon as the cold wave over Europe crossed the Channel. Several northern counties and Scotland also reported abundant snow. The temperature here in the capital fell all the morning to reach 2 deg. C. below zero by noon. —Havas.

All France Shivers

Paris, Dec. 18.

A wave of intense cold swept over France today and temperatures of 14 deg. C. below zero were reported in several eastern regions. Temperatures of 8 deg. C. below zero along the Normandy coast and of 12 deg. C. below in the interior were not uncommon.

Records for past decades must be studied to find reports on cold waves similar to that which descended upon France during the past 24 hours. Little floes of ice have been seen in the River Seine, and the banks of this stream have begun to freeze over. —Havas.

Cold Throughout Germany

Berlin, Dec. 18.

The cold spell has swept through all Germany.

Yesterday temperatures of from 15 to 19 deg. C. below zero were still measured in eastern Germany while along the Rhine the temperature varied between 10 and 12 deg. C. below zero. In Berlin the temperature in the morning was 13 deg. C. below zero and even at noon it was still 11 to 12 degrees below zero.

According to the Reichs meteorological service the intensity of the frost will even increase during the next few days, though no snow is expected for northern Germany.

Forty fishing boats got stuck in the ice in the Baltic. In the Kurische and Frische Haff, i.e. those parts of the Baltic which lie at the mouths of the Vistula and the Memel and which are divided from the sea only by a narrow strip of land, the ice thickened during the night to such an extent that all shipping had to stop.

When fishers in the Kurische Haff tried to go out again last night they were completely surprised by the sudden drop in temperature. The forming of the ice happened so quickly that many of the boats had not been able to return by this morning. The fishers even considered themselves lucky to be able to get their nets aboard again in time before the sea froze over.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. J. B. Priestley, who has been taking a character in one of his plays, is the versatile son of a Yorkshireman who, a generation ago, was a great worker for his fellow schoolmasters. Known affectionately among his friends as "Jonathan," he was one of the most active members of the local branch of the National Union of Teachers. Young Priestley did not have the advantage of a public school education, and he finished at the Belle Vue Secondary School under a headmaster named Lishman, who predicted that the lad would make a name. The war interfered with his career at Cambridge, where he was at Trinity Hall.

Pan-American Conference Postpones Decision

Diplomatic Protection Issue Held Over Five Years

New York, Dec. 19.

The Pan-American Conference has postponed for five years a decision on the resolution urging the adoption of the principle that foreign investors in Latin America should be entitled to diplomatic protection, "except in cases where justice is denied them by the local courts."

This information is cabled by the Lima Correspondent of the "New York Times."

He states that the Conference referred to a committee of experts the codification of international law for further study, ordering the committee to report to the Ninth Conference, to be held five years hence.—Reuter.

'Quakes Felt in Turkey

Stamboul, Dec. 18.

A series of exceptionally violent and disastrous earthquakes were reported from the Kircheir region by the "Kouroun," newspaper, today. To the present, the casualty list has not been compiled, but it is stated that there have been 16 houses destroyed, while sixty others have been seriously damaged.—Havas.

New Zealand Feels Shocks

Auckland, N.Z., Dec. 18.

A series of severe earthquakes have been reported throughout New Zealand during the past few days. No deaths have as yet been reported. Several large buildings and other property suffered considerable damage.—United Press.

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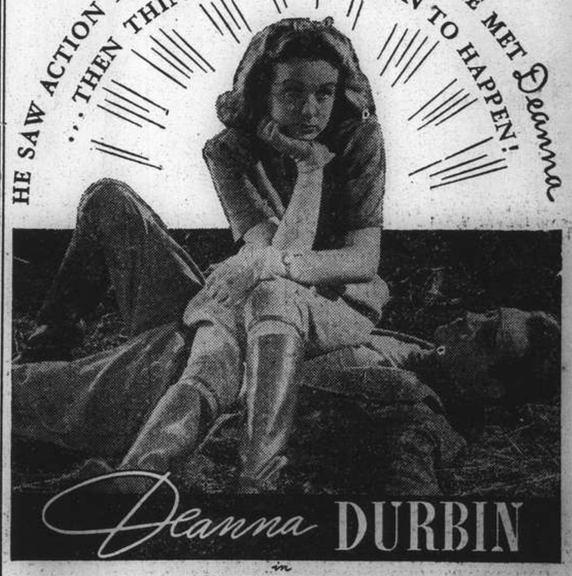
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Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16 .... $28.67
U.S. $100 @ 16 3/16 .... $617.76

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 3/8 .... $28.656
U.S. $100 @ 16 5/16 .... $613.02
London—demand 8 3/8
4 months' sight credits 8 15/32
4 months' sight docts 8 15/32
6 months' sight credits 8 9/16
6 months' sight docts 8 1/2
New York—demand .... U.S. $16 1/8
4 months' sight credits 16 3/8
4 months' sight docts 16 1/2
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling .... 8 5/16 U.S. $16 3/16
Hongkong/London 1/3

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 1/16 .... $622.57
Hongkong $54 7/8 .... $100.00

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Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8 31/64	8 5/16
U.S. G.$	16 3/16	16 3/16
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT'S CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
Cash		December	
£ T.T.	8 5/16	4 m/s. l.c.	8 15/32
G.$ T.T.	16 3/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16 3/8
Fc. T.T.	614	4 m/s.	630
Rs. T.T.	46 3/8	7 d/s.	47

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20	20 3/8
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	—	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	51.00	—
Bombay offtake 20 bars.		

London silver was 1/16 up both ready and forward, being 20.- for ready and 19⅝ forward. New York was unquoted and Bombay was 1 anna down at 51.00.

It was reported there was a little speculative and American buying, while offerings were small. Market ruled quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 5/16 sterling and 16 3/16 U.S.$. The Interbank market was completely stagnant and there was no movement at all. There were sellers for cash/December at the opening at 8 5/16 sterling and 16 3/16 U.S.$ with buyers at 8 31/64 sterling and 16 7/32 U.S.$ and so it remained throughout the day.

At the close there were sellers at:

8 5/16 sterling 16 3/16 U.S.$ Cash/Dec.
8 9/32 „ 16 5/32 „ Jan., 1939
8 7/32 „ 15 31/32 „ Feb., 1939

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Dec. 19.

Kogo 5% Y.103.80

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Official Averages

1938 High	1938 Low		Today's Averages	Change
146.16	100.30	General	133.29	—0.19
149.31	95.55	Rubbers	140.76	—0.39

Total 35,009 shares, 300 bonds.

Morning Session

G$5,000 Gold $ Bonds 5%	G$ 69.50
$20,000 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 83.00
4,500 Exploration	$ 8.00
400 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.70
100 Wheelock	$ 33.50
500 New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
23 S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.50
4,500 Int. Assurance	$ 4.30
2,000 Int. Assurance	$ 4.40
500 S'hai Loan	$ 6.10
500 New Eng. (Pref)	$ 8.00
500 S'hai Loan	$ 6.10
50 S'hai Dock	$107.00
1,500 Exploration	$ 7.95
1,500 Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
1,260 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.60
1,000 Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
ODD LOTS	
5 Ewo Mills (Pref)	$148.00
100 Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.00
400 Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.00
7 S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.50
500 Int. Assurance	$ 4.40
300 Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
800 Int. Assurance	$ 4.40
700 Int. Assurance	$ 4.50

Afternoon Session

300 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.70
1,000 China Realty	$ 1.00
150 S'hai Dock	$106.00
100 Wheelock	$ 33.25
500 S'hai Land	$ 9.35
1,000 Exploration	$ 7.90
300 Wheelock	$ 33.00
32 S. W. W. "A" £20	$620.00
500 S'hai Loan	$ 6.00
5,500 Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
100 S'hai Dock	$105.00
500 New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
50 S'hai Dock	$105.00
500 New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
500 Exploration	$ 7.85
500 New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
500 Exploration	$ 7.80
ODD LOTS	
42 Rubber Trust	$ 3.30
500 Int. Assurance	$ 4.45
200 New Eng. (Pref)	$ 8.00
500 China Realty	$ 1.00
150 Int. Assurance	$ 4.45

Berlin Bourse, Weekly Report

Berlin, Dec. 18.

The money market continued very fluid, largely because of the preparations taken to meet the taxation payments on December 10 and the mid-monthly settlement. Arrangements are now being made for the end of the year settlement, the available money all seeking very short-term investments.

The bourse continued unsettled and not uniform, investors showing great caution chiefly because of the uncertainty that still prevails about the ultimate effect of the liquidation of Jewish securities but also because money is sought for subscription to the new Reich loan now on offer. A certain relief was felt when it became known that no attempt would be made by the state to realise for the time being on Jewish securities taken in payment of the fine.

The fixed interest securities market continued to be neglected but prices did not decline greatly.

The following were the quotations of some of the leading German shares on December 12th and 17th respectively:

	Dec. 12	Dec. 17
Reichsbank	184.75	185.00
German Dye Trust	148.00	151.00
Salzdetfurth Potash	131.25	133.00
United Steel Works	102.25	—
Mannesmann Pipes	104.625	107.75
Harpener Mining	132.25	135.00
German Mineral Oils	120.00	122.00
Continental Rubber	202.75	—
Siemens & Halske	189.50	189.00
General Electrics A.E.G.	111.00	113.25
Rhenish-Westphalian Power	117.25	117.125
Hamburg-America Line	—	66.75
North German Lloyd	70.00	69.00
Bemberg Rayon	131.25	134.75
Deutsche Bank	115.00	115.00
Deutsch-Asiatische Bank	—	550.00
Young Loan	101.50	101.75

—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Foreign Trade for Nov.

Imports Total $32,700,000, Exports $30,090,000; Fair Increases Noted

Imports from abroad totalled $32,737,681 and exports $30,092,626 during the month of November according to the monthly return of the Chinese Maritime Customs in regard to Shanghai. For the January-November period, imports reached a total of $234,679,548 and exports $194,395,124. Tabulated details follow:

Net Imports

(Including Bond Withdrawls)

	November 1938 C.S.$	Jan.-Nov. 1938 C.S.$
Cotton P.G. grey	63,946	1,128,921
Piece white or dyed	108,500	1,529,571
Piece printed	532	104,091
Piece miscellaneous	24,457	299,464
Cotton raw, yarn	1,479,260	9,065,486
Cotton manu., sundry	75,268	714,565
Flax, ramie, hemp	672,689	3,405,114
Wool and Manu.,	484,413	8,201,498
Silk	1,024,098	3,915,775
Metal and ores	2,284,266	24,729,051
Machinery and tools	1,618,070	15,228,617
Vehicles and vessels	1,001,343	5,675,604
Metal manu.	1,032,728	8,948,262
Fishery products	561,699	2,231,285
Canned goods	424,158	3,948,021
Cereals and flour	189,338	10,251,694
Fruits, seeds	339,182	4,136,716
Medicinal goods	212,852	2,007,635
Sugar	1,328,547	6,378,151
Wines, beer	96,812	735,923
Tobacco	1,382,804	15,064,679
Pharmaceuticals	2,341,051	14,185,652
Dyes, varnishes	1,464,017	12,046,993
Candles, resins, etc.,	3,967,450	26,288,581
Books, maps, paper	2,514,536	18,232,315
Hides, leather, etc.,	239,280	1,618,134
Timber	665,169	4,250,903
Bamboo, straw, etc.,	307,125	1,895,112
Coal, fuel, tar	5,019,410	15,908,227
Chinaware, etc.,	151,870	1,354,987
Stone, earth	126,158	762,059
Sundry	1,536,653	10,436,434
	32,737,681	234,679,548

Net Exports

	November 1938 C.S.$	Jan.-Nov. 1938 C.S.$
Animal products	5,729,637	39,097,672
Hides, leather	182,258	4,026,914
Fish products	36,656	208,017
Beans and peas	436,676	1,157,421
Cereals	543,892	1,482,821
Dyestuffs, vegetables	2,376	118,954
Fruits, preserves	85,956	218,692
Medicinals	186,254	1,098,884
Oils tallow, wax	304,960	6,799,616
Seeds	45,303	587,632
Spirituous beverages	34,634	445,381
Sugar	24	266
Tea	774,191	13,037,297
Tobacco	133,629	3,294,550
Vegetables	67,044	701,356
Vegetable products	608,029	1,781,669
Bamboo	22,063	84,574
Fuel	37,874	177,556
Rattan	208	4,675
Timber	107,280	666,641
Paper	82,924	1,046,729
Textile fibres	8,026,647	30,952,375
Yarn, thread	4,591,537	35,387,719
Piece goods	2,346,685	18,181,862
Other textiles	1,006,505	4,349,723
Ores, metals	796,105	5,876,943
Glass, glassware	165,168	678,880
Stone, earth	193,858	1,036,695
Chemicals	468,017	2,376,846
Printed matter	315,339	2,672,126
Sundry	2,760,897	14,444,636
Grand Total	30,092,626	194,395,124

VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

	November Gold G.U.	November Silver $	Jan.-Nov. Gold G.U.	Jan.-Nov. Silver $
Imported From				
British India			209,357	
Great Britain			231	372
Hongkong			3,377,884	
Total Imports		*	3,587,522	372†
Exported To				
Total Exports		‡		§

*Bank-notes face value Chinese $11,000,000 and Yen 4,350,000 were imported during the month.

†Not including nickel and copper subsidiary coins, value $16,108 and bank-notes, face value Chinese $44,999,640, Hongkong $131,000, Yen 14,410,000, Piastres 18,540, £54,204 and U.S.$156,665.

‡Bank-notes, face value Yen 10,000 were exported during the month.

§Nickel and copper subsidiary coins, value $200,000 and bank-notes, face value Chinese $255,000, Hongkong $178,500 and Yen 3,080,000 were exported during the period.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES VALUE OF MERCHANDISE

	November 1938 G.U.	November 1938 $	January-November 1937 G.U.	January-November 1937 $	January-November 1938 G.U.	January-November 1938 $
Imports Gross Imports	14,132,277		218,184,665		104,378,935	
Less Re-exports Abroad	376,949		644,839		2,285,594	
Net Imports	13,755,328	32,737,681	217,539,826	495,077,918	102,093,341	234,679,548
Exports Gross Exports		30,220,413		386,009,767		195,089,324
Less Reimports from Abroad		127,787		183,433		694,200
Net Exports		30,092,626		385,826,334		194,395,124
Total Net Imports and Exports		62,830,307		880,904,252		429,074,672
Excess of Imports		2,645,055		109,251,584		40,284,424

Is the Outlook Improving

Removal of War Threat Produced a Revival of Business Confidence; What are Indications?

WHATEVER may be the ultimate political and economic consequences of the Munich Agreement, the *détente* certainly removed the uncertainty which had tended to paralyse domestic and foreign commerce, and led to a quickening in the pulse of business last month, says Walter Hill in the "Financial News." The elimination of the risk of imminent war produced a revival of business confidence, reflected in an increase in the flow of new orders to industry and in a rise in the prices of Stock Exchange securities in this country as well as abroad. This rebound does not in itself necessarily portend a change in the long-term trend of business activity in this country. But the removal of the threat of immediate war might well contribute to a more lasting revival if, in fact, the stage was already set for recovery before the crisis. What does the evidence suggest?

Between September, 1937, and May, 1938, "The Economist" index of business activity, fell as rapidly as it had risen during any eight months of the recovery period. The recession, which brought the index down by almost 10 per cent., was actually more rapid than in 1929-30. But by May the force of the initial downward movement appeared to have spent itself. After a slight rise in June, "The Economist" index fell back in July, but both in August and September it registered a small advance. It is a well-known fact that a period of sustained recovery and advancing prices is always accompanied by an accumulation of stocks of goods. Manufacturers are anxious to increase their stocks of materials—which may be raw materials or semi-finished goods—while merchants tend to lay in heavier supplies of finished goods. Moreover, this re-stocking movement is usually intensified in the last phase of recovery, when industry is nearing a state of full employment. Although the rise and fall of stocks cannot be measured in this country owing to lack of data, there is no doubt that heavy stocks of goods were accumulated in this country last year.

Surplus Stocks Declining

When prices and consumption take a downward turn, all sections of the business world are as anxious to reduce their stocks, before placing new orders, as they were formerly to increase them. This de-stocking movement has been very marked this year, and it has brought the output of certain industries well below the level of current consumption. Once surplus stocks are liquidated, industry, responds quickly to an improvement in demand, and the stage is set for recovery—provided other influences are favourable. And, since stocks have, in fact, been appreciably reduced this year, the setting is to that extent favourable.

Although Britain, by reason of her heavy imports, exercises a powerful influence on the trend of world prices, markets are also strongly affected by variations in the imports of other important countries, especially the United States. Indeed, the downward trend in the prices of primary products was arrested at the end of last May, and their upturn in June synchronized—not by coincidence—with the revival of business in the United States. Between May and September this year the Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production rose by 18½ per cent. Recovery across the Atlantic has been accompanied by a re-stocking movement strong enough to drive up commodity prices without any appreciable increase in the raw material purchases of this country. Thus, Moody's index of the prices of sensitive commodities in the United States (December 31, 1931=100) has risen from 130.3 on June 2 to 144.1 on October 31. Similarly, Reuter's daily price index of sensitive commodities in this country has advanced from 129.2 (September 18, 1931=100) to 135.6. If recovery in the United States continues—and the latest evidence is reassuring—the upward trend in prices is likely to go on, thus prompting manufacturers and merchants in this country to replenish their stocks, which will involve an increase in the output of semi-finished and finished goods. Moreover, the consequent expansion in the incomes of the primary producing countries will tend to stimulate international trade. The recent upward trend in freight rates, though modest, suggests that the decline in international trade has already been arrested.

Favourable to Recovery

The conclusion to which this discussion points, in short, is that the international setting is now favourable to recovery in this country. The increase in the flow of new orders noticeable in recent weeks may be sustained by the rise in prices, due, in the first instance, to recovery in the United States. As far as the domestic position is concerned, even the relatively moderate increase in defence expenditure which Mr. Chamberlain foresees will involve an increase in new capital investment in industry. Thus, the upward turn of prices, set in motion mainly by an increase in American demand on the one hand, and the speeding-up of domestic rearmament on the other, may quite conceivably offset the adverse forces still at work. But since not all the forces making for further depression have yet exhausted themselves, the activity of some industries may continue to shrink for some time, while others are likely to experience a measure of recovery.

Activity in the constructional trades, which form a substantial sector of British industry, may possibly show a further slight decline, due to a shrinkage in private building. But recession in this branch of activity has not yet gone very far. Compared with September, 1937, the proportion of insured persons unemployed last September was only 3 per cent. greater in building and 3.1 per cent. in public works contracting. Expenditure on public works is not likely to be reduced in the near future. And the constructional trades will be among the first to be affected by any expediting of rearmament and A.R.P., which will involve the construction of additional aerodromes, barracks, factories and, possibly, air raid shelters. The 25.1 per cent. reduction in the value of building plans passed by 144 local authorities between September, 1937, and September, 1938, due to the crisis in that month, is thus not as discouraging as might appear at first sight.

Investment Propects

The shipbuilding industry, on the other hand, is in a less happy position, and the figures of the volume of new mercantile vessels commenced this year show that the industry in this country has had to bear almost the whole burden of the fall in international trade since the summer of last year. A revival of world trade, accompanied by rising freight rates, would undoubtedly bring new orders for merchant tonnage to British shipbuilders, though the latter are unlikely to regain their former share of world orders in present conditions. But the activity of this industry is likely to shrink further before it takes a turn for the better, in spite of the prospective increase in naval work.

For some time the bulk of any increase in new investment will probably be in connection with rearmament. The railways, and the gas and electrical industries, for example, are unlikely to spend much more on re-equipment just yet. But some increase in new investment, coupled with advancing raw material prices, should be sufficient to quicken the pulse of industry. Any increase in the demand for steel will from now on involve an expansion in output, for surplus stocks accumulated last year have been practically worked off. And a reduction in steel prices next year should contribute to the revival of private investment, for example, in ships. The coal industry will benefit; the latest production figures already reflect the improvement, for the disparity between this and last year's output is already much smaller than a month ago. During the week ended October 15 the quantity of coal raised was only 2 per cent. smaller than in the corresponding week last year. Again, the proportion of the capacity of the Welsh tinplate industry in operation has risen above 50 per cent. Activity in the engineering industry is still declining, but when the new armament plans are translated into orders, an improvement should take place.

The majority of consumption goods trades are already benefiting from the increase in the flow of orders to industry. In the cotton trade, the proportion of spinning capacity in operation has risen from 50 to 55 per cent., and the experience of the wool textile trade has been similar. Again, the Association of British Motor Manufacturers stated at the end of the Motor Show that the volume of new orders booked was more satisfactory than a year ago, and will involve an immediate speeding-up of production.

The indications, therefore, point to an immediate improvement in some industries; the expansion may become more general next year, when the prospective increase in capital investment (mainly for rearmament at first) is translated into new orders. Indeed, there are now strong forces at work making for an upturn in the trade cycle.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 18.

After maintaining high quotations the week before, the Bourse suffered noticeable losses last Monday. Italian "claims" upon France were held by some to be responsible for these losses, but it is probable that the chief reason was the necessity for speculators to free their positions and assure themselves of profit-taking transactions since the fortnightly settlement day was fast approaching.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, considerable sales took place, but the market was nevertheless calmer. On Thursday, the settlement day, it seemed that the sales of the proceding days had served to clear up the situation.

Furthermore, since it was then held certain the Budget would be voted by Parliament before the end of this year, tendencies on the Bourse were reversed. Following in the wake of the Rentes, all French stocks recovered.

During the last session, favourable signs were accentuated and the week was brought to a close with French counters firm while Internationals were irregular.—Havas.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 19	Opening 9.45 a.m.	Prices 2.45 p.m.
Antamok	.49	.49
Balatoc	9.30	9.30
Benguet Consolidated	12.50	12.50
Coco Grove	.49	.48
Consolidated Mines	.003	.003
Demonstration	.27	.27
Masbate	.19	.19
North Camarines	.61	.62
San Mauricio	1.78	1.76
Surigao Consolidated	.36	.36
United Paracale	.54	.56

Turnover: 592,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 105.70.
—Reuter.

Padang Rubber Co.

Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd. announce that the Provisional Assessment of Standard Production for 1939 has been assessed as follows:—Padang Rubber Co., Ltd. 445,500 lb.

I. T. & T. Earnings

A telegram has been received from New York by Shanghai Telephone Company as follows:—

"Gross earnings and consolidated net income for the nine months ended September 30, 1938, amounted to $49,559,953 and $6,155,819 respectively as compared with $46,271,243 and $7,044,070 respectively for the corresponding period of 1937. The decrease in net income is mainly due to increase in taxes, net foreign exchange loss and temporary increase in interest charges."

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Statistical Data Concerning Leading Stocks

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

NAME OF STOCK (No par value excep where indicated)	DIVIDENDS Annual rate $	DIVIDENDS Date of 1st quarterly payment	Book value	EARNINGS OR DEFICITS 5 yr Average 1926-30	1934	1936	1937	Yield on basis of price in %
Adams Express	0.10†	Irregular	13	—	nil	0.50	0.62	1
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	—	—	21	—	0.99	2.13	2.10	nil
Allis Chalmers	1.50†	Irregular	32	—	D0.51	2.27	4.42	3
American can 25	4	Feb. 15	61	6.29	6.72	5.80	6.08	4
Am. and Foreign Power	—	—	—	1.43	D11.12	D 9.45	D 8.77	nil
Am. and For.P.$7 cum. Pref.	—	—	110	23.49	2.46	5.84	7.11	nil
Am. Locomotive	—	—	12	4.20	D 6.02	D 1.71	4.75	nil
Am. Radiator	0.30†	Omitted	12	1.84	0.11	0.70	0.68	—
Am. Rolling Mill	0.40†	Omitted	33	2.46	0.50	2.25	2.55	—
American Smelting	3.25†	Feb. 28	52	7.27	1.63	6.85	6.54	6
Am. Tel. and Tel. 100	9	Jan. 15	128	1.30	5.96	9.89	9.76	6
Am. Tob. "B" 25	5	Mar. 1	27	6.00	4.46	3.71	5.04	6
Am. Waterworks	—	—	35	2.80	1.03	1.52	1.14	nil
Anaconda Copper 50	0.75†	Omitted	55	4.97	0.22	1.83	3.62	—
Atch., Top. & S. Fe 100	—	—	260	19.16	0.32	1.56	0.60	—
Auburn Automobile	—	—	28	9.72	D16.21	D 6.67	D20.07	nil
Baltimore and Ohio 100	—	—	126	11.36	D 2.41	0.85	D 1.20	nil
Barber Asphalt (10)	0.75†	Irregular	32	—	D 0.77	1.14	1.91	4
Barnsdall Oil 5	1	Feb. 1	8	—	D 0.47	1.01	0.85	6
Bethlehem Steel	2.50†	Irregular	119	7.06	D 1.87	2.09	7.63	3
Boeing Airplane 5	0.40†	Irregular	6	—	D 0.43	0.32	0.45	1
Bklyn. Manh. Tran.	—	—	79	6.78	7.40	0.30	4.09	nil
Canadian Pacific Rly. 25	—	—	40	3.11	D 0.20	0.04	0.30	nil
Case, J. I. 100	5†	Irregular	134	14.53	D 7.38	12.36	13.98	6
Chase Nat. Bank 13.55	1.40	F.A. 1	31	4.04	2.02	2.24	2.03	5
Chesapeake & Ohio 25	3†	Jan. 1	51	5.67	3.67	5.72	4.43	9
Chrysler 5	2†	Irregulor	28	4.69	2.19	14.25	11.66	2
Columbia Gas and Electric	0.25†	Omitted	16	2.08	0.24	0.53	0.57	—
Commercial Solvents	0.30†	Omitted	6	1.20	0.89	0.85	0.60	—
Commonwealth & Southern	—	—	5	0.67	D 0.04	0.13	0.18	nil
Consolidated Edison	2	Mar. 15	52	4.50	2.18	2.33	2.17	7
Consolidated Oil	0.80	Feb. 15	18	—	D 0.02	1.18	1.48	9
Continental Oil	1*	Jan. 30	17	0.64	1.03	1.78	2.97	3
Corn Products 25	3	Jan. 20	34	4.41	3.16	3.86	2.52	5
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	2	Mar. 15	13	nil	0.54	2.42	3.49	10
Douglas Aircraft	3	Irregular	12	1.50	0.08	1.74	1.90	4
Dupont de Nemours 10	3.75†	Mar. 15	36	5.17	3.63	7.54	7.27	3
Eagle Picher Lead 10	0.10†	Irregular	13	—	D 0.21	0.74	0.40	1
Electric Bond & Share 5	—	—	27	2.15	0.21	0.17	0.42	nil
Elec. Bond & Share $6 Pref	6	Feb. 1	110	—	6.55	6.42	7.31	9
Flintkote	0.25†	Omitted	13	—	0.80	1.75	1.50	—
General Electric	1.70†	Jan. 25	11	1.81	0.59	1.52	2.21	4
General Motors 10	1.50†	Mar. 12	16	4.83	2.00	5.36	4.38	3
General Railway Signal	0.50†	Omitted	14	7.99	D 1.50	0.17	1.58	—
Glidden	0.50†	Omitted	22	—	1.68	3.29	2.62	—
Goodrich Rubber	—	—	23	2.09	0.41	4.03	D 2.25	nil
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	0.75†	Irregular	21	5.12	D 0.66	3.90	1.95	2
Great Northern Ry. Pfd.	—	—	157	9.47	D 0.43	3.99	4.04	nil
Greyhound	1.10†	Jan. 1	7	D0.16	0.58	1.50	1.59	5
Hecker Products	0.60	Feb. 1	13	3.58	0.48	0.71	0.89	6
Int. Nickel	2*	Mar. 30	12	0.85	1.13	2.40	3.31	4
Int. Tel. and Tel.	—	—	38	3.45	0.33	0.63	1.60	nil
Kennecott	1.75*	Mar. 30	29	3.67	0.53	2.36	4.60	4
Loew's Inc.	3.00	Mar. 30	51	6.71	4.50	6.73	8.47	6
Montgomery Ward	2†	Apr. 15	28	2.51	1.72	3.63	3.41	4
Nat. City Bank N.Y. 12½	1	F. A. 1	25	4.12	2.00	2.10	2.00	4
Nat. Dairy Products	1	Jan. 2	12	3.58	0.94	2.01	1.53	8
National Distillers	2*	Feb. 1	18	—	5.51	3.81	3.86	7
Nat. Power and Light	0.60	Mar. 1	21	1.74	0.85	0.99	1.36	8
New York Central	—	—	142	12.63	D 1.54	1.79	0.99	nil
North American Co.	1.20*	Jan. 2	22	4.47	1.04	1.74	1.95	6
Pacific Gas and Electric 25	2	Jan. 16	28	2.83	1.52	2.55	2.71	7
Pacific Lighting	3*	Feb. 15	9	2.70	2.72	3.88	4.10	7*
Packard Motors	—	—	3	1.11	D 0.49	0.47	0.20	—
Paramount Pictures 1	—	—	15	—	—	1.18	1.96	nil
Pennsylvania Railroad 50	0.50†	Irregular	89	7.01	1.43	2.94	2.07	2
Phillips Petroleum	2*	Mar. 1	34	3.69	1.38	4.02	5.42	5*
Public Service of N.J.	2.30†	Mar. 30	31	3.15	2.95	2.80	2.61	8
Pure Oil	—	—	21	1.77	D 0.97	1.63	2.15	nil
Radio Corp.	0.20	Irregular	nil	1.32	D 0.10	0.21	0.41	3
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	3†	Jan. 1	14	3.04	2.15	2.93	2.82	7
Schenley 5	1.25†	Omitted	26	—	6.64	7.05	5.04	—
Sears Roebuck	5.50†	Mar. 16	40	5.03	3.13	5.60	5.58	7
Socony Vacuum Corp. 15	0.80†	M. S 15	20	—	0.76	1.38	1.82	6
Southern Pacific 100	—	—	196	10.19	0.11	3.84	0.20	nil
Standard Brands	0.625	Jan. 2	4	1.53	1.03	1.11	0.71	9
Standard Gas & Electric	—	—	50	6.59	D 1.95	D 0.99	D 1.33	nil
Standard Oil of N.J. 25	1.50†	J. D. 15	44	3.47	1.76	3.73	5.64	3
Texas Gulf Sulphur	2	Mar. 15	16	5.21	1.81	2.56	3.02	6
Union Carbide & Carbon	2.40†	Jan. 2	26	3.40	2.28	4.14	4.81	3
Union Pacific Railway 100	6	Jan. 2	198	17.53	6.63	8.20	6.15	7
United Aircraft 5	1†	Irregular	7	—	D 0.01	0.76	1.52	2
United Airlines 5	—	—	8	—	D 2.19	0.26	D 0.52	nil
United Corp.	—	—	7	0.55	0.17	0.19	0.22	nil
United Gas Improvement	1	Mar. 23	11	1.29	1.19	1.09	1.09	9
U.S. Indus. Alcohol	—	—	33	7.57	4.04	D 0.20	D 1.17	nil
U.S. Rubber 10	—	—	13	nil	D 3.15	3.31	2.21	nil
U.S. Steel	—	—	140	12.90	D 5.39	2.91	8.01	nil
Vanadium	—	—	26	4.59	D 2.29	0.40	2.22	nil
Warner Bros. Pictures 5	—	—	15	1.84	D 0.77	0.75	1.48	nil
Westinghouse Elec. 50	4.50†	Feb. 28	67	7.22	D 0.04	5.67	7.53	4

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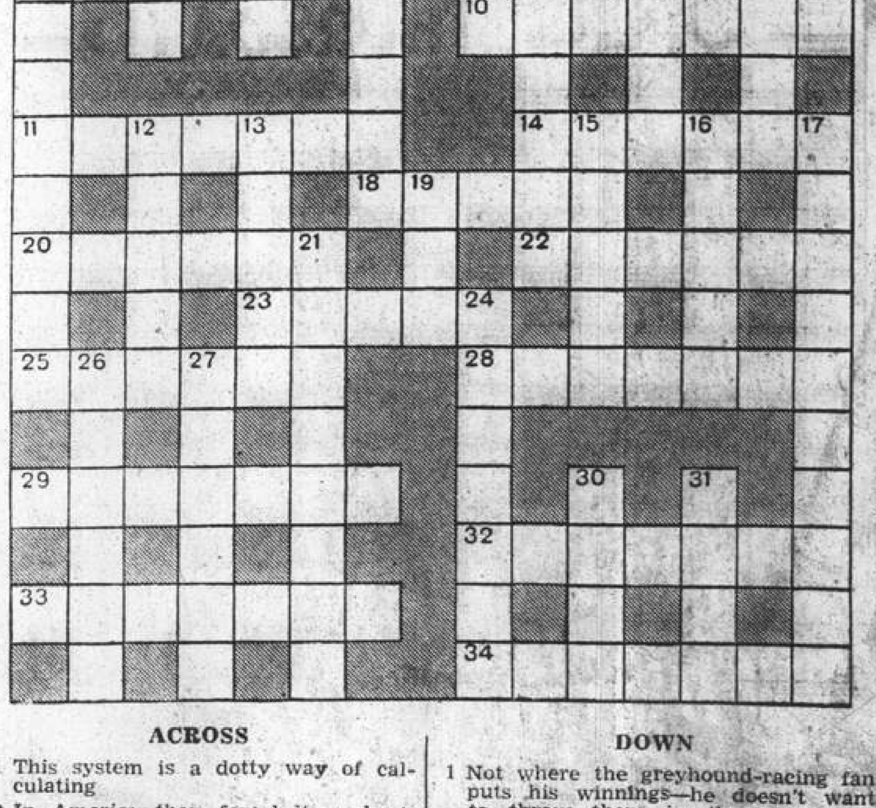

ACROSS

1 This system is a dotty way of calculating
8 In America they found it a short-sighted policy not to countenance this in glasses
9 Is this cake mostly a puzzle?
10 Canute's flattering courtiers should have waited for this (two words)
11 He is often hounded to death
14 It obviously is not water
18 Distinction
20 A language
22 A proverbially hard worker
23 Seen in a Hans Andersen narrative
25 It seems only natural that it should be brought up to scratch
28 It might be fresher
29 Sometimes an epithet for the precast shadow?
32 Were he in the army "eyes right" would be his favourite command
33 Only a fool could initiate such an attack
34 What the small boy called a menagerie lion running around the earth

DOWN

1 Not where the greyhound-racing fan puts his winnings—he doesn't want to throw them in the sea! (two words)
2 French financiers naturally prefer to make a corner of it
3 Fashion that upset an ancient land
4 A sheltered position (two words)
5 Of low birth
6 A perisher, one might say!
7 Line with choice of numbers on
12 This is of rising importance
13 Get up for what any wage-earner likes
15 Unyielding as more than a difference of opinion
16 Fish
17 West Country town
19 This cord gives harmony
21 Hundredfold
24 An opening no tailor can afford to neglect
26 Deepest and lacking apparently only in a minority
27 Where the sardine comes from (two words)
30 Colloquially a 22 across
31 Plant that contains expensive plant

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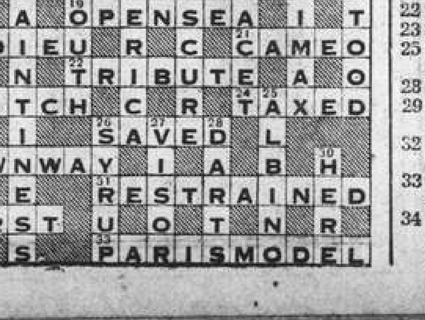

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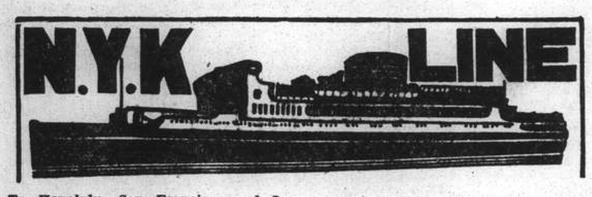

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	TITAN	Gdynia,	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Japan Ports
B	DEUCALION	Liverpool	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Japan
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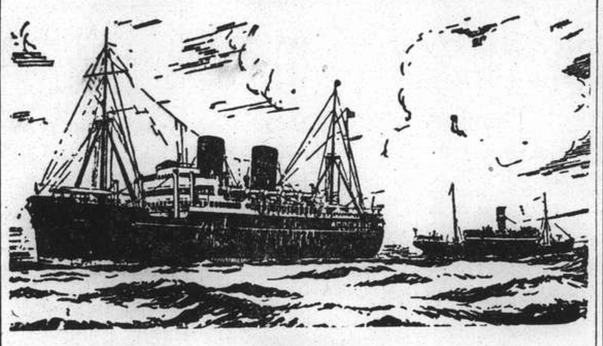

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MODERN Employment Bureau, 613 Avenue Joffre, House 26. Recommends boys, amahs, cooks, chauffeurs. Best references. Apply Telephone 84196. -6369

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Dancing

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LAMBETH walk, foxtrot, waltz and tango, taught by an experienced lady. 1191 Bubbling Well, corner Seymour Road, Apartment 1A. -6514

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ALICE, hairdresser, visits ladies homes by appointment. Telephone 30835. -6794

1205 BUBBLING WELL Road, Apartment 15 Massage. -6795

LADY gives general massage, manicure, 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road. Apartment 30. Second Floor. 12680

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Rooms Without Board

FURNISHED room in private family, board optional. Apply 67 Route Pere Robert, House 3 (near Avenue Joffre). -6830

TO LET, large room, $90, for gentlemen only. 203 Seymour Road, Apartment 2, Telephone 32378. -6803

COMFORTABLY furnished rooms for men. Club facilities. Navy Y.M.C.A. 12653

Rooms with Board

FOR single person, furnished or not, board if desired, moderate rental, all modern conveniences. 25 Rue du Consulat, St. Anne Building, Apartment 63, Telephone 86948. -6815

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HANKOW Apartments, 125 Hankow Road. Large/small rooms, with or without board. -6769

THE Gardens, 90 Route des Soeurs. Board residence available Jeanuary 1 for married couple. Private bathroom, large south veranda, steamheating. -6678

LARGE, south, steam-heated enclosed verandah. Only for two foreigners. With full board. 209 Haig, Flat 2. -6778

AMERICAN home, attractive large south room, adjoining bath, verandah, central heating. Full board. Telephone 72425. References. -6548

Furnished Houses

TO LET, beginning of March, semi-detached house western district, 8 rooms, two bathrooms, garage, ample servants' rooms, large garden, fittings and part furniture to be taken over. Rental very moderate. Address Box 3678, NCDN. -6801

TO responsible person, for six/seven months, from end of January, small furnished house, in quiet locality. Please reply to Box 3653, NCDN. -6742

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VACANT February 1, four-roomed, some furniture and fittings, $400. Rental $110. Western district. Address Box 3690, NCDN. -6835

TO LET. Granada Estate, Lane 222-A Hungjao Road. Only two of these popular residences remain vacant. Rent $203 per month, water included. Apply Harrisons, King & Irwin, Ltd., 549, Szechuen Road. 12699

Houses and Land

ADVERTISER willing to exchange his unique collection of Chinese curios or part of it against land or houses, within or outside Concessions boundaries. Address Box 3686, NCDN. -6826

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DOCTOR desires share offices and/or quarters. Reply giving particulars to Post Office Box 4079. -6806

OFFICE space to let, ground floor, Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Telephone 11606. -6826

OFFICES to let in International Dispensary Building, corner Foochow and Honan Roads, room spaces 786 and 635 sq. ft. Apply to Room 301 of the above building. 13107

TO LET, large and small modern office space in the Chartered Bank Building, 18 The Bund. Space arranged to suit tenants' requirements. Apply Eric Davies, Room 214, Chartered Bank Building. Telephone 15874. 12648

CAPITOL Building, to let suitable offices. Apply S. E. Shahmoon & Co., 83 Peking Road, Telephone 16722. 12603

HONGKONG & Shanghai Bank Building and Wayfoong House: Modern offices to let. Apply Sub-Accountant's Department, Hongkong Bank. 12652

Wanted to Rent

WANTED house/apartment. Willing to pay best price for furniture and key-money. Apply Telephone 74850. -6799

WANTED small room with board, French Concession preferred. Must be cheap. Box 3682, NCDN. -6813

WANTED by responsible British family at the end of January or the end of February, four-roomed, unfurnished apartment or small house, in the western district, French Concession or Settlement. Address Box 3675, NCDN. -6797

WANTED, one or two roomed flat with modern conveniences but without furniture. Address Box 3670 NCDN. -6786

CHINESE family, couple with two children, American and English returned, desire one furnished flat in foreign style house, about three rooms with kitchen, bath and servant rooms. Apply to No. 14, passage 1235, Rue Lafayette. -6787

RESPONSIBLE foreigner desires to take over immediately/January two/three-roomed apartment from someone going on leave. Also willing to take a flat with board. Address Box 3651, NCDN. -6736

WANTED by two foreigners beginning of January, for four/five months, three-roomed, furnished apartment with all modern conveniences, in the Settlement. Telephone 19090, during office hours. -6722

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FOR SALE. Highly pedigreed wire-haired puppies, 1½ month old (bitches). 235 Route G. Kahn, Apreleff. -6607

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Vessels Arriving

All vessels are listed under their original port of call. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited on her voyage to Shanghai.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From OSLO
Triton 19/10 1/1
Tarn 19/11 12/1
Talabot 17/12 8/2

From GOTHENBURG
Talabot 20/12 8/2

From GDYNIA
Titan 15/11 6/1
Eumaeus 13/12 3/2

From GLASGOW
Agamemnon 5/11 21/12
Sarpedon 19/11 4/1
Deucalion 3/12 19/1
Patroclus 17/12 1/2

From LIVERPOOL
Helenus 5/11 20/12
Agamemnon 12/11 21/12
Menelaus 19/11 1/1
Sarpedon 26/11 4/1
Lycaon 3/12 15/1
Deucalion 10/12 19/1
Perseus 17/12 27/1
Patroclus 24/12 1/2

From LONDON
Carthage 18/11 25/12
Bhutan 12/11 27/12
Behar 26/11 5/1
Rajputana 2/12 9/1
Soudan 10/12 23/1
Ranchi 16/12 23/1
Yasukuni M. 23/12 27/1

From HAMBURG
Potsdam 26/11 30/12
Triton 13/11 1/1
Lippe 12/11 4/1
Panama 15/11 7/1
Zuiderkerk 21/11 14/1
Elbe 10/12 16/1
Gneisenau 24/12 27/1
Eumaeus 17/12 3/2

From ROTTERDAM
Sauerland 11/11 22/12
Preussen 25/11 9/1
Zuiderkerk 11/11 14/1
Leverkusen 8/12 18/1
Tjikembang 29/12 11/2

From ANTWERP
Zuiderkerk 21/11 14/1
Tjikembang 19/12 11/2

From GIBRALTAR
Ranchi 20/12 23/1

From MARSEILLES
J. Laborde 25/11 23/12
Athos II 9/12 6/1
F. Roussel 23/12 20/1

From GENOA
Zuiderkerk 11/12 14/1
Tjikembang 6/1 11/2

From TRIESTE
Himalaya 20/11 9/1

From MALTA
Soudan 18/12 23/1

From PORT SAID
Potsdam 10/12 30/12
Lippe 1/12 4/1
Sarpedon 8/12 4/1

From SUEZ
Titan 6/12 6/1
Preussen 8/12 9/1

From PORT SUDAN
Tarn 16/12 12/1

From ADEN
C. Rosso 14/12 31/12
Rajputana 19/12 9/1

From DJIBOUTI
Athos II 18/12 6/1

From COLOMBO
Triton 8/12 1/1
Sarpedon 19/12 4/1
Behar 19/12 5/1

From KARACHI
Sumatra 15/12 11/1

From SINGAPORE
Boissevain 18/12 25/12
Carthage 17/12 25/12
Bhutan 18/12 27/12

From MANILA
C. B'camano 16/12 20/12
Emp. Russia 19/12 25/12
Phemius 18/12 27/12

From SAIGON
J. Laborde 17/12 23/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Phemius 28/10 22/12
Peter Maersk 10/11 26/12
Silveryew 23/11 8/1
Gert. Maersk 23/11 12/1
C. Florence 19/11 15/1
Eskbank 7/12 24/1
Grete Maersk 10/12 25/1
C. Bedford 17/12 14/2

From SEATTLE
Talthybius 17/12 20/1

From VANCOUVER
Oakbank — 10/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
Taybank 30/11 27/12
Silveryew 10/12 8/1

From LOS ANGELES
Bidevind 9/11 23/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From OTARU
Bangalore 13/12 26/12

From YOKOHAMA
Menestheus 16/12 23/12
Terukuni M. 18/12 26/12

From NAGOYA
Bangalore 19/12 26/12

From KOBE
Mar. Joffre 17/12 20/12
Taiyo M. 21/12 23/12
Menestheus 20/12 23/12
Shanghai M. 28/12 30/12
Serooskerk 29/12 1/1

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. 21/12 22/12
Nagasaki M. 26/12 27/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPE TOWN
Boissevain 17/11 25/12

From LOUR. MARQUES
Nolisement — 5/1
Tegelberg 8/12 22/1
Harmattan — 7/2

From DURBAN
Tegelberg 20/12 22/1

From MAHE
Boissevain 8/12 25/12

From MELBOURNE
Nellore 3/12 9/1
Tanda 4/1 9/2

From BRISBANE
Nellore 16/12 9/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Dairen M. 18/12 21/12
Tsingtao M. 20/12 23/12
Tjibadak 21/12 24/12
Hoten M. 23/12 26/12

From TAKU
Kanchow 17/12 21/12
Shuntien 17/12 22/12

From TIENTSIN
Wingsang 16/12 21/12
Shuntien 18/12 22/12
Kanchow 15/12 22/12
Fooshing 19/12 24/12
Hsin Peking 21/12 25/12
Shengking 22/12 25/12

From TSINGTAO
Fausang 18/12 21/12
Menestheus 30/11 24/12

From CHANGWAHKONG
Suiwo 20/12 20/12

From HSINKONG
Wusueh 20/12 20/12

From CHITUNG
Liwo 20/12 20/12

From WENCHOW
Chungking 20/12 23/12

From HONGKONG
Taiyuan 14/12 20/12
Hangsang 15/12 20/12
Helenus 16/12 20/12
Shantung 16/12 20/12
Sauerland 19/12 22/12
Soochow 17/12 22/12
Taisang 18/12 22/12
Kiungchow 20/12 23/12
Tsinan 21/12 26/12
Sinkiang 23/12 27/12
Suiyang 23/12 27/12
Yunnan 27/12 31/12

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

LIANGCHOW Dec. 20. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-12

WOSANG Dec. 20. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 8 a.m. Tuesday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 20-12

CHAKSANG Dec. 21. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. Wednesday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-12

FAUSANG Dec. 23. TSINGTAO.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 23-12

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

HANGSANG Dec. 22. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

SHUNTIEN Dec. 24. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 24-12

HELENUS Dec. 26. DAIREN.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 26-12

TAISANG Dec. 26. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Monday, Dec. 26, at 1.30 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender for Saloon passengers from Customs Jetty at 12.15 p.m. Monday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 26-12

SOUTH CHINA COAST

SZECHUEN Dec. 20. SWATOW, HONGKONG, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG. From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-12

LEESANG Dec. 22. FOOCHOW, HSINGWHA, SWATOW and HONGKONG. — Sails from Peking Road Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

TAIYUAN Dec. 22. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-12

TJINEGARA Dec. 22. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjinegara sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, December 22, at 4 p.m., taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Passengers tender leaves Customs Jetty at 2.30 p.m. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 21-12

WINGSANG Dec. 22. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

SHANTUNG Dec. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 23-12

SOOCHOW Dec. 25. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 25, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield S Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-12

STRAITS AND EUROPE

CORFU Dec. 20. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20. Hand packages only will be accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage will be received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19. Customs Permit required for nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 20-12

C. BIANCAMANO Dec. 21. NAPLES and GENOA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, MASSOWAH and PORT SAID. —The Lloyd Triestino s.s. Conte Biancamano will sail from Shanghai on December 21, at 8 a.m. sharp. For Freight and Passage apply Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 21-12

MAR. JOFFRE Dec. 22. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 22-12

MENESTHEUS Dec. 24. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund Tel. 82020. 24-12

BANGALORE Dec. 27. BOMBAY, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP and LONDON via HONGKONG, STRAITS and CEYLON.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 27-12

NANKING Dec. 27. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Nanking will leave Shanghai on or about December 27, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to the Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 27-12

AFRIKA Jan. 1. PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Afrika, Captain E. Broholm Jensen, will be despatched from here on or about January 1, for the above-mentioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 1-1

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Dec. 27. RODRIGUEZ, MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK, (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, December 27. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 27-12

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Date and Destination	*Per*	*Reg.*	*Ord.*
TUESDAY, Dec. 20.			
Tsingtao and Dairen	Hoten M.	*20.00	7.15
Aust. N.Z. S.S. Ceylon India Suez (Y) Europe (Y)	Corfu	10.00	12.00
Hongkong and Canton	Corfu	11.30	12.00
Nantung	Nantung M.	14.30	15.00
Japan via Kobe	Haruna M.	16.00	16.30
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo	16.30	17.00
Wenchow	Dragao	18.30	19.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India Suez Europe	C. B'camano AX	18.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	C. B'camano X	19.30	20.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Szechuen B	—	—
Swatow Hongkong Yunnan	Szechuen	19.30	20.00
Kwangtung and Kwangsi	Szechuen	19.30	20.00
Ningpo	Mohlenhof	19.30	20.00
Foochow	Leesang	20.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21.			
Chefoo and Tientsin	Chaksang	*20.00	7.30
Haimen Che.	Hanna	12.00	12.30
Wenchow	C. Paolini	13.00	13.30
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez Europe via Suez	Mar. Joffre C	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	Mar. Joffre	15.30	16.00
Central America (Z) and Canal Zone (Z)	Tai Yang D	—	—
Haimen Che.	M. Margarida	18.30	19.00
Haimen Che.	Don Jose	19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, Dec. 22			
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China Manila Java Ports	Tjinegara F	*20.00	8.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton	T